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Military memorial, wildlife at odds in latest conflict on historic atoll

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Volunteers wanted for PTSD study of treatment some call a miracle

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A treatment involving the injection of a local anesthetic next to a bundle of nerves in the neck has eased post-traumatic stress symptoms in some patients in as little as 30 minutes with dramatic, lasting results.

Now, the Pentagon is funding a study at three Army medical centers to determine if the technique — long used for the treatment of pain — is truly effective in treating PTSD.

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command surgeon for U.S. Special Operations Command Africa

controlled trial using the stellate ganglion block could revolutionize the way PTSD — considered a mental illness — is viewed and treated, according to doctors familiar

with the experimental procedure.

“It really is the tipping point,” Col. James Lynch, command surgeon for U.S. Special Operations Command Africa in Stuttgart,

who has seen firsthand the promising effects of the shot, said about the current trial.

“It has the potential to be a huge game changer for many, many affected people with PTSD,” whether from combat, sexual assault or other trauma, he said. “There’s really not been a great answer for this giant population.”

The U.S. government has spent millions treating PTSD and searching for effective therapies since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan thrust the disorder into the national spotlight.

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"What we just don't advocate is the wholesale killing, the extermination, of one species for [another]."

— Alicia Maluafiti, board president of animal welfare group Poi Dogs and Popoki, taking issue with the euthanizing of stray cats whose feces poses a threat to Hawaiian monk seals

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Anti-Park rally pulls tens of thousands in S. Korea capital

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — It's a particularly tricky time for political upheaval in South Korea.

Scandal-ridden President Park Geun-hye has just over a year left in office, and the opposition would rather be gearing up for the December 2017 election.

That didn't stop tens of thousands of South Koreans from massing Saturday in Seoul to demand that she step down amid allegations — many unproven — that she allowed a confidante to wield Rasputin-like influence over everything from government policies to wardrobe choices.

The protest was a resounding rejection of the conservative leader's speech the day before in which she took blame for the latest crisis to plague her government and asked for forgiveness.

Instead, protesters sang and pumped colorful "Park Geun-hye out" banners into the air as speakers on a stage in historic Gwanghwamun Square called for

her ouster. They lit candles and marched through the city center as evening fell, chanting slogans that included "criminal" and "treason."

Nearly 18,000 police in riot gear used buses and trucks for crowd control while lining the streets leading to the presidential mansion known as the Blue House.

Police estimated the crowd at around 50,000, although organizers put the size at around 200,000, making it the largest anti-government demonstration in years, according to the Yonhap news agency.

The protest was largely peaceful, in contrast to those in past years when South Korean students were known to lob Molotov cocktails and clash with police.

Park, who is prevented by constitutional term limits from seeking re-election, faces growing anger over revelations that she allowed longtime confidante Choi Soon-sil to influence government policies despite having no official position. The 64-year-old president has admitted that she relied on her friend for help editing speeches and other unspecified "public relations" issues.

Media reports have carried speculation that Choi, whose late father was a religious cult leader, had access to confidential documents and held sway over North Korean policy and other state affairs as well as the selection of presidential aides and even outfits.

Choi was arrested last week on suspicion of fraud and influence-peddling. On Sunday, a court also issued arrest warrants for two former presidential aides as the scandal widened.

Park's former senior secretary for policy coordination, Ahn Jong-beom, is suspected of pressuring companies into making large donations to nonprofit organizations controlled by Choi. Another former aide, Jung Ho-sung, was accused of giving her classified presidential documents. The Associated Press reported.



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South Korean protesters shout slogans Saturday in downtown Seoul, South Korea, as they march after a rally calling for South Korean President Park Geun-hye to step down.

"President Park had many great mistakes and she had shaman religion," protester Na Tae-hong said, sitting near a statue of the Korean alphabet's inventor, King Sejong. "She has just one year remaining as president, but we want her to fall down from power now."

The public call for a resignation has so far not been forcefully taken up by opposition parties, which seem more intent on making Park the lamest duck possible.

If Park were to resign, the constitution says a successor should be elected within 60 days, which would have everyone scrambling.

In a bid to calm the situation, Park fired eight aides and nominated three new top Cabinet officials, including the prime minister. But the main opposition Democratic Party rejected her choice, saying she didn't consult parliament.

The head of the party, Rep. Choo Mi-ae, threatened to stage protests until Park and her Saenuri party accept the demands.

The White House insisted the alliance between the two countries would remain intact despite the turmoil.

Spokesman Josh Earnest said President Barack Obama has had an effective working relationship with Park as well as her predecessor.

"Obviously, she's facing a difficult domestic political situation, and that's something that I won't weigh in on. I'm not aware that the president has weighed in on it, either in public or in private," he said, according to a transcript of remarks made while aboard Air Force One.

He said Obama has not spoken to Park since returning from a visit to Asia in September.

"But all of the other elements of our alliance remain in place.

And the U.S. commitment to that alliance is as strong as ever," he added.

The U.S. has about 28,500 servicemembers stationed in South Korea, which remains technically at war with the North after the 1950-53 conflict ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

In her second televised speech in just over a week, an emotional Park vowed Friday to accept a direct investigation into her actions "if necessary," but did not comment on specific allegations or promise any concrete actions.

South Korea's president enjoys constitutional immunity from criminal charges except for insurrection or treason.

Park also tried to tap into the sympathy that helped propel her to office. Her father, dictator Park Chung-hee, was assassinated by his own spy chief in 1979. Her mother was killed during an earlier attempt on her father's life.

The president, who is not married and is estranged from her siblings, said loneliness pushed her to spend more time with Choi.

"Living alone, it was difficult to find people who could help me with the personal things I needed to get done, so I began receiving help from Choi Soon-sil, with whom I had a long relationship," Park said Friday.

But she denied speculation that she had "fallen into worshipping cult religions or that shamanistic rituals were held at the presidential Blue House."

The speech has failed to quell the growing anger. A national poll released Friday had Park's approval rating at 5 percent, the lowest for any sitting South Korean president.

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Corrections

■ A Nov. 4 story should have said Jonathan Schroden is the special operations program director at the Center for Naval Analyses, a federally funded, nonpartisan think tank. His name was misspelled in a story about a new CNA report that advises how the use of U.S. special operations forces should change.

■ A story in the Nov. 5 edition contained incorrect information about who conducted airstrikes in Kunduz on Nov. 3. Officials clarified that only U.S. airstrikes were conducted on that day.

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General: THAAD to be in S. Korea in 8-10 months



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A Terminal High Altitude Area Defense interceptor is launched from a test on Wake Island in 2015.

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — An advanced U.S. missile defense system will be deployed to South Korea in eight to 10 months to counter a growing threat from the North, the commander of U.S. Forces Korea said Friday.

Gen. Vincent Brooks said the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system will be larger than the one stationed at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

The remarks, made during a seminar hosted by the Association of the Republic of Korea Army in Seoul, gave the most specific timeline yet for the anti-missile battery's deployment.

The U.S. and South Korea agreed in July to station THAAD on the divided peninsula

after months of talks following North Korea's fourth nuclear test. Officials have expressed increasing urgency about the move as Pyongyang conducted some two dozen ballistic missile tests and two underground nuclear tests this year, the most recent on Sept. 9.

The decision has run into opposition from local residents in the southeastern area where it is to be deployed, as well as from regional powerhouse China, which fears the powerful radar could be used against its military.

"You're gonna see the deployment of a THAAD battery. This is an alliance decision. It will come in the next eight to 10 months," Brooks said, according to the Yonhap news agency. "That is an Army unit and ... a larger configuration than the one in Guam."

The THAAD system on Guam consists of an X-band radar and two truck-mounted launchers loaded with eight interceptors each. It's designed to shoot down short- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles at high altitudes. That enables it to complement the Patriot missiles already on the peninsula in a layered defensive system.

Brooks' reported comments were confirmed by USFK's public affairs office.

The four-star general also was asked whether the U.S. might bring more strategic assets to South Korea to counter the North's defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions and sanctions. He said "that is under review," according to Yonhap.

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Japan preparing Marines-like force

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TOKYO — Japan is taking another step closer to fielding a Marine Corps-like brigade that would defend its southwestern territory amid increasing tensions with China over who rightfully owns islands in the East China Sea.

A combined U.S.-Japan scenario in the Northern Marianas to retake an island during the Keen Sword exercise this week represents a major philosophical shift — one that some military analysts say is overdue — from the land-focused strategy long employed by Japan's Self-Defense Forces.

The 2,100-member Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, planned for activation by March 2018, could be used for various missions, including quicker humanitarian relief after a natural disaster.

But analysts say its deterrent effect against Chinese claims on Japan-controlled territory will be the brigade's greatest contribution.

Beijing has deemed the Japan-administered Senkaku Islands an "indispensable" part of China and declared an air defense identification zone over them in 2013.

The U.S. is obligated to defend the Senkakus and any other Japanese territory under the terms of a security treaty with Japan.

Navy officials say privately they wouldn't be surprised if Chinese intelligence ships monitored Keen Sword from international waters, which they're entitled to do under the U.S. view of international law.

The Chinese have sent ships near Guam and the Northern Marianas multiple times, including near the USS George Washington carrier strike group during the Valiant Shield exercise in 2014.

If China decides at some future point it is willing to risk the geopolitical fallout of taking Senkaku — or even some of the smaller islands governed by Taiwan, without invading the heavily populated main island — it has the amphibious force to do it.

"A PLA invasion of a medium-sized, better-defended island ...

is within China's capabilities," said the Pentagon's 2016 report to Congress on China's military. "Such an invasion would demonstrate military capability and political resolve while achieving tangible territorial gain and simultaneously showing some measure of restraint."

Japan could provide logistical support from its well-regarded maritime forces if ever invaded, but if it came down to ship-based troops coming ashore, for now they'd be reliant on the U.S.

For decades, Japanese defensive strategy was focused on the northern island of Hokkaido, where Japan has stationed multiple divisions and lots of armored vehicles for defense against Russia.

Although Japan and Russia still disagree on ownership of nearby islands occupied by the Soviet Union in the waning days of World War II, relations are warming, said Toshiyuki Shikata, a defense analyst and retired lieutenant general in Japan's Ground Self-Defense Force.

However, tanks and divisions don't make sense for the southwestern islands. New tactics must be employed, he said.

"You can't protect [small] islands," Shikata said. "The attackers can decide when, where and how large the attack will be. This is common sense in military history to have the power to be able to take back an island deters [the enemy's] fighting spirit."

Japanese ground troops have trained with Marines twice in California, but the Keen Sword amphibious exercise on Tinian island will provide an environment much more like Japan's tropical southwest islands.

Grant Newsham, a retired Marine colonel and research fellow at the Japan Forum for Strategic Studies in Tokyo, was the first Marine liaison officer to the JSDF and provided input into the amphibious force plan.

Combined U.S.-Japan operations went very well at the Dawn Blitz exercise last year in California, he said.

But ask Newsham how Japan would do on its own if staging an amphibious operation, and the answer is "not very well."

The problem is that the ground,

air and sea services don't practice operating together much and don't communicate well with one another, he said.

For example, the ground force will be relying on the maritime force's ship, but they put the brigade together without directly coordinating, Newsham said.

That would not happen with a Marine Expeditionary Unit, which the Japanese brigade will closely resemble, minus fixed-wing aircraft and heavy artillery.

Japan's problem isn't entirely unique. Many of the world's forces have difficulty with joint communication when funding is scarce and each service is competing against the others, Newsham said. Resistance to change plays a role as well, he said.

"But it also is symptomatic of the general 'restraint' on the JSDF that's existed since the time of founding, and that prevented it from becoming a full-fledged military — even though it has all the hardware, troops and other trappings of a military," Newsham said.

A senior official who publicly advocated closer communication between the branches likely would pay a political price in Japan, he added.

The lessons of WWII and Japan's postwar constitution have made many deeply distrustful of expanding the Self-Defense Forces' role. A measure last year that would allow Japan to defend close allies in combat passed into law over majority political opposition.

Repeated training in the Northern Marianas, a U.S. commonwealth, would squeeze the Japanese budget less than traveling to California while helping it get the practice it needs to operate effectively, Newsham said.

Operations closer to home also provide the Asia-Pacific region with a visible indicator of the U.S.-Japan alliance's strength, Shikata added.

The exercise "shows that the U.S. is watching Japan's back," he said. "This is the best tactic for defending [Japan's] islands."

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Athletes and their buddies cross the finish line of the 50-meter dash Saturday at the 2016 Kadena Special Olympics.

Kadena Special Olympics inspire by athletes' spirit

By JESSICA BIDWELL
Stars and Stripes

Almost 900 special-needs athletes turned out for the annual Kadena Special Olympics competition Saturday, living up to the motto "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

The athletes gave their all to reach the finish line, reminding the crowd, including 1,000 volunteer workers, that life is about providing inspiration to reach beyond what we thought was possible.

"Kadena Special Olympics has become much more than a sporting event; it unites our communities in the celebrations of the successes and achievements of these inspirational individuals before us," said Brig. Gen. Barry Cornish, the 18th Wing commander.

"I urge each and every one of you to learn from the athletes today. Let us take those feelings of camaraderie and try to create a more inclusive community beyond KSO."

Overall, 5,000 people gathered at Kadena, up from 1,000 for the first event in 2000.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of Kadena Special Olympics and the 18th Wing, was genuinely about the athletes. Upon arrival, they were paired with military volunteers, their buddies for



Athletes parade past a crowd of supporters prior to participating in Saturday's events.

the day, and then paraded through the crowd. Following the opening ceremony, the Olympic torch was lit and the games began.

Joy was apparent on the athletes' faces as they competed in running, the wheelchair dash, tennis, basketball, badminton and numerous other track and field events. An art exhibit featuring the work of the athletes was on display.

Lance Cpl. Joseph O'Leary, a volunteer buddy, explained how humbling the day was.

"It is truly inspiring to see these athletes go out and do their best and just see them smile and do something bigger than yourself," he said.

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CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Green sea turtles rest in the sand on Turtle Beach on Midway Atoll in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, on Sept. 1. The atoll where the World War II Battle of Midway took place is now a sanctuary for seabirds and the world's biggest oceanic preserve.

New conflict for historic atoll

This battle of Midway pits military history against wildlife protection

By CALEB JONES
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MIDWAY ATOLL, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands — The Battle of Midway was a major turning point in World War II's Pacific theater. The remote atoll where thousands died is now a delicate sanctuary for millions of seabirds, and a new battle is pitting preservation of its vaunted military history against the protection of its wildlife.

Halfway between the United States and Asia, Midway's three islets are surrounded by vibrant coral reefs and are home to the biggest colony of Laysan albatrosses on Earth. The large white and black seabirds pair off and mate for life, nesting and raising their young on Midway.

President Barrack Obama recently traveled here to announce the expansion of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, now the world's biggest oceanic preserve.

"I look forward to knowing that 20 years from now, 40 years from now, 100 years from now, this is a place where people can still come to and see what a place like this looks like when it's not overcrowded and destroyed by human populations," Obama said.

The atoll is a place where many people have lived, and perished — almost 3,000 in

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James D'Angelo
International Midway Memorial Foundation founder

the historic conflict with Japan. The public has not been allowed to visit the refuge or the battle monuments for years.

Midway is now a mix of boarded-up buildings left over from the island's military heyday and freshly painted facilities still in use by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Fish and Wildlife has every right and obligation to protect the wildlife, but they also have an obligation to protect the historic sites and the meaning of Midway," said James D'Angelo, founder of the International Midway Memorial Foundation. "It is precisely because of the men that lived and died that that memory should never be forgotten."



AP

Black smoke rises from a burning U.S. oil tank set afire during the Battle of Midway on Midway Atoll in June 1942.

Six months after the Pearl Harbor attack, American forces turned away the Japanese at Midway and went on the offensive. In all, 2,500 Japanese and 307 Americans were killed in the battle.

The Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1988 when the

atoll was still under Navy control. In 1996, management was transferred to the wildlife agency with a mandate to maintain and preserve not only the wildlife but the atoll's historical significance.

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President Barack Obama pauses at the Battle of Midway Navy Memorial as he tours Midway Atoll in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, on Sept. 1.

Atoll: Preserving history, wildlife a challenge

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Since 2000, the site has been designated as a National Memorial to the Battle of Midway. The original seaplane hangar is deeply rusted and has shrapnel pockmarks. Behind it, a huge pile of desks, bicycles, rusting metal and broken speedboat engines await removal.

Midway sits amid a collection of man-made debris called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Along Midway's paths lie piles of feathers with rings of plastic in the middle — remnants of birds that died with the plastic in their guts. Each year the agency removes about 20 tons of plastic and debris that washes ashore from surrounding waters.

The critically endangered short-tailed albatross can be found only on Midway and one other small Pacific island. Endangered Hawaiian monk seals and green sea turtles also frequent Midway's shores.

In 1996, the government reached an agreement with the Georgia-based Phoenix Midway Corp. to help operate the island's visitor program, with lodging, a restaurant, a dive shop and bowling alley, at no cost to taxpayers.

But, in its six years of operation, the company had only one profitable month, according to a document submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service and provided to The Associated Press by the memorial foundation.

In mid-2001, the company pulled out. After that, there was either no visitor program or a limited one.

In 2014, the Congressional Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing about Midway. "Objective observers can certainly question whether it was a mistake to transfer this sacred ground to an agency that is far better equipped to maintain birds than visitors," said the chairman, Rep. John Fleming, R-La.

The Government Accountability Office concluded in 2016 that the wildlife agency "maintained most historic properties" but tore down seven others without the required public notice.

But the GAO noted funding has been slashed from \$4 million annually to less than \$3 million, resulting in the end of public visitation in 2012.

Officials say more than \$1 mil-

lion a year would be required to re-establish a visitation program, excluding startup costs.

Matthew Brown, Fish and Wildlife's superintendent for the marine national monument, said sustainable tourism is feasible despite the challenges. "It's a very logistically challenging place to do anything," he said.

Its World War II-era structures weren't built to last, and some are coated in lead paint, Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Megan Nagel said, noting Laysan albatross ingest the paint chips, causing illness.

And too many visitors could disturb the delicate ecosystem, Nagel said. For example, some seabirds here are attracted to lights that would be needed for modern accommodations.

Some contend a private company could easily profit from a visitation program on Midway, but "evidence shows that is historical fiction," Guam Rep. Madeleine Bordallo said at the 2014 congressional hearing. "Preservation of historic resources is expensive. If we value it as a country, we should pay for it."

Soldiers killed in Jordan identified

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

IRBIL, Iraq — The Pentagon has identified the three Special Forces soldiers supporting the anti-Islamic State coalition who died after their convoy came under fire on Friday while entering a military base in Jordan.

The Green Berets were identified in a statement released Sunday as Staff Sgt. Matthew C. Lewellen, 27; Staff Sgt. Kevin J. McEnroe, 30; and Staff Sgt. James F. Moriarty, 27. All three were assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Ky., and were supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

The incident is under investigation, the military said.

The U.S. Special Operations Command said in a statement that all three of the decorated soldiers killed in the attack had served multiple overseas tours.

Lewellen, a native of Lawrence, Kan., had more than six years of service in the Army and was serving his second overseas tour. Among his awards were a Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Tucson native McEnroe was an eight-year Army veteran on his third overseas tour. His awards include the Army Commenda-

tion Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Moriarty, from Kerrville, Texas, had more than five years of service in the Army. This was his second overseas tour. His awards include the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

The deaths bring to seven the number of Americans killed in action since the start of the anti-Islamic State mission in 2014.

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More troops head to Europe amid growing tensions

By ALEX HORTON
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SAN ANTONIO — An aviation brigade and an armored brigade are deploying to Europe this winter amid growing tensions with Russia, the Army announced Thursday.

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division, based at Fort Carson in Colorado, will send 4,000 soldiers, the Army said Thursday in a news release. An Army spokesman confirmed the unit will begin moving in January.

The Fort Drum, N.Y.-based 10th Combat Aviation Brigade will deploy 1,750 soldiers, more than half the brigade, the Army said in a separate news release, with earlier reports saying the unit will arrive in Germany in March.

Both units will support Operation Atlantic Resolve, the growing U.S. effort to reassure NATO allies in the region in response to Russian intervention in Ukraine in 2014.

The Pentagon has significantly increased the presence of troops and warfighting equipment in Europe to counter Russian aggression, with \$3.4 billion allocated this fiscal year for the ongoing European Reassurance Initiative — tripling last year's budget.

Tensions between Russia and the United States have increased since the Ukrainian incursion and annexation of Crimea, most recently in Syria, where Russian warplanes have aided President Bashar Assad's regime in its civil war against rebel groups, some aided by U.S. training and equipment, and the Islamic State group.

Concerns have mounted about near-collisions in Syrian airspace between U.S. and Russian jets. The Pentagon said last week a Russian fighter jet and a U.S. aircraft came within a half-mile of colliding during a night mission over Syria in mid-October. Pentagon officials held a video conference Thursday to discuss ongoing measures to prevent mishaps, a Defense Department news release said.

The 3rd Armored Brigade will be the first continuous rotation armored brigade to deploy to Europe, with the intent of a permanent heavy armor presence, said Army Lt. Col. Jason Brown, a 4th Infantry Division spokesman.

The brigade will speak in Poland and will fan out across the continent, Brown said.

One battalion stocked with M1 Abrams tanks will cover the Baltic region of Estonia and Lat-

via, while another will operate in Germany.

A mechanized infantry battalion with M2 Bradley troop carriers and M1 Abrams tanks will have a foothold in the Romanian and Bulgarian region, Brown said.

Brigade headquarters will remain in Poland, along with an armored cavalry unit and a field artillery battalion wielding self-propelled M109 Paladin howitzers, Brown said.

"I am confident we are the right heavy brigade to continue the armored presence in Europe," Col. Christopher R. Norrie, commander of 3rd Armored Brigade, said Thursday in the news release.

"Living and training alongside our NATO allies and partners on a daily basis will provide ample opportunities to build a comprehensive team that strengthens defensive capabilities and deters aggression in Europe," he said.

The 10th Combat Aviation Brigade will arrive with approximately 60 aircraft, including CH-47 Chinooks, UH-60 Blackhawks and medevac helicopters, said Maj. Isaac Taylor, a 10th Mountain Division spokesman. The brigade will be headquartered in Germany, and the brigade's units will be forward-based at locations in Latvia, Romania and Poland, Stars and Stripes reported Thursday.

Their deployment comes as allies in Europe have identified an increased need for aviation units in Europe to counter Russian power, and as a complement to the main focus on tanks and infantry.

The Europe-based 12th Combat Aviation Brigade hosted 21 NATO states and partner nations last week in Germany to discuss bridging language barriers, sharing tactics and finding opportunities for closer collaboration.

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Study: Scientists say therapy may be effective treatment for PTSD

FROM FRONT PAGE

If proved to be effective, the block could provide relief to millions of servicemembers and veterans who suffer from combat-related PTSD.

The stellate ganglion block is offered as treatment for PTSD at a handful of Army hospitals, including Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, but it has yet to gain wide acceptance as a therapy for the disorder because of the lack of clinical evidence proving the intervention works.

The Pentagon study could change that.

RTI International, a research institute in Raleigh, N.C., received a \$2 million grant from the Defense Department to conduct the trial.

Besides Landstuhl, Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, are participating.

PTSD can occur after someone experiences or witnesses a life-threatening trauma and may cause hypervigilance, hyperarousal, flashbacks, fear, anxiety, avoidance, sadness or other symptoms, according to the American Psychiatric Association.

The illness has been particularly vexing for the U.S. military. Diagnosis of the disorder is at an all-time high among servicemembers and veterans, yet the effectiveness of approved treatments, such as drugs and cognitive therapy, has been mixed.

Up to 20 percent of veterans who fought in Afghanistan or Iraq are diagnosed with PTSD in any given year, compared to 12 to 15 percent who served in the Gulf War and 15 percent in Vietnam, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Though millions of dollars have been sunk into research for alternative therapies for PTSD, from virtual reality to cannabis, the stellate ganglion block holds particular promise and should be a high priority for research, according to scientists from Johns Hopkins University.

The rapid response and designating it as a procedure offers may enable this technique to be beneficial for particularly difficult-to-treat patient populations, including military servicemembers and veterans," the researchers said in a report published in October in World Institute of Pain.

Recruiting volunteers

Anecdotal evidence indicates that for a significant portion of patients, relief is near immediate, and that's very powerful," said Kristine Rae Olmsted, a behavioral epidemiologist at RTI and co-investigator in the Pentagon-funded study.

But the procedure isn't proven, and it's quite off-putting," she said. "We still want people to engage with behavioral health providers, to deal with the other psychosocial impacts of PTSD," she said.

Enrollment for the study began about five months ago. Researchers are hoping to get at least 240 active-duty military volunteers



STACY SANNING/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Dr. Jeffrey Tiede, director of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center's Interdisciplinary Pain Management Center, prepares to administer a stellate ganglion block for Master Sgt. Randall Kimble. A new study at LRMCC is seeking patient volunteers to help determine if the stellate ganglion block can also address symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

by the time the study concludes in November 2017, she said.

But so far, recruitment of volunteers has been difficult, Rae Olmsted said. The study is open to active-duty servicemembers who have been diagnosed with PTSD or think they might have PTSD. In an effort to increase enrollment, the study was recently opened to servicemembers being treated for psychological or behavioral health issues, LRMCC officials said. Volunteers can receive up to \$115 for the time they spend participating in the study.

"The stigma associated with PTSD certainly is a consideration," Rae Olmsted said of the challenges in recruiting volunteers for the study. Also, "people are a little leery about getting an injection in the neck. For some people, it's not that big of a deal; for others, it's quite off-putting." Individuals will be screened for PTSD symptoms in advance. The source of PTSD can be any traumatic experience, not just combat, Rae Olmsted said.

Volunteers receive two injections, two weeks apart. One in three receive a placebo of saline solution instead of the active treatment, she said.

There are always risks involved with any injections, said Dr. Jeffrey Tiede, anesthesiologist and the director of LRMCC's Interdisciplinary Pain Management Center, such as bleeding or nerve damage, but with this procedure, "it's very low risk" and carries a potentially very high benefit.

Tiede has administered about

100 stellate ganglion blocks at LRMCC this year, mainly for PTSD but for other pain indications as well, he said. An ultrasound machine is used to help guide needle placement, Tiede said.

"Start to finish, is 10, 15 minutes tops," he said. "Even some of the soldiers that are absolutely scared of needles, that have a needle phobia ... when they get done, (they say) 'Ah, that wasn't a big deal at all,'" Tiede said.

Hot flashes to PTSD

The stellate ganglion is a cluster of nerves at the front of the neck. The block is a standard procedure that's been used for decades to treat chronic pain, Rae Olmsted said.

Chicago anesthesiologist Dr. Eugene Lipov pioneered the procedure for PTSD about 10 years ago after discovering the block gave relief to women suffering from menopausal hot flashes.

To defend the unorthodox treatment of hot flashes and to better understand why the block was effective, Lipov said he began to research "everything and anything that's unique" about the stellate ganglion. That's when he found a Finnish paper on the use of the stellate block to treat anxiety.

Lipov called his brother, Sergei, an internist, and told him, "If you have a patient suffering from PTSD, send him to me."

Among Lipov's first patients were Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans with severe PTSD. One was a soldier who had attempted to strangle his wife in his sleep.

The shot took immediate effect, but a second block was needed after a fireworks display retriggered some of his symptoms. "He is doing great," Lipov said.

He believes the block reduces nerve growth factor — a protein necessary for nerve cell survival and new nerve growth — to pre-trauma levels. Nerve growth factor can surge in response to stress and fear, causing new sympathetic nerve endings to sprout in the brain, Lipov said.

The excess nerves produce more norepinephrine, which is similar to adrenaline, and can trigger chronic stress, heightening the "fight or flight" response, he said.

With the injection, "the whole cascade reverses," Lipov said, an event demonstrated during experiments on rats. "The sprouting falls off, norepinephrine falls to normal levels and people now are calm and collected."

Why this happens so quickly is a question that needs further study, he said. He believes it has something to do with the secretion of norepinephrine, which is regulated by the stellate ganglion.

"It takes about 15 minutes for norepinephrine to be removed by the system," he said. "That is why they feel better right away, I believe."

Lipov said that if the block works, its effects are noticeable almost immediately.

Before administering the injection, he asks patients to think about what caused the trauma. "Women usually cry and men get

pissed off," he said.

After 30 minutes or so, Lipov asks the same question.

"One of the soldiers had a great description," he said. "He said before the block, he could feel, smell the gore. After the block, he said it feels like he was watching a black-and-white movie."

Lipov's initial success rate with the block was about 70 to 75 percent, he said. He's since pushed that above 90 percent by doing a sequential block. After the first injection, Lipov waits about an hour. If the recipient has shown no improvement, he'll do another injection, higher up in the neck.

"I've had almost no failures with this combination," he said.

The 'God block'

Lipov had tried for years to get the Defense Department to support a clinical trial on the treatment. Multiple applications for federal funds to sponsor further study had been denied, he said.

The reason the Pentagon finally opened its purse strings was demand from the special operations community, he said.

"The special ops people, they call it the 'God block' because it changes their life and they're more effective doing their work," Lipov said.

Lynch, of SOCOM Africa, said he's never heard it called that but would agree that use of the block in the special operations community helped push the procedure along.

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MILITARY

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That work began with Col. Sean Mulvaney, currently a pain and sports medicine physician at Fort Belvoir Hospital in Virginia, Lynch said.

As an army special operations doctor, Mulvaney "was getting guys with PTSD that were not coming forward openly, and he didn't have any good answers for them," Lynch said. "Sean just started suggesting crazy options" and found Lipov.

Mulvaney set up some of his patients to get a stellate ganglion block at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center by pain providers with experience using the procedure, though not for PTSD symptoms, Lynch said. "They had dramatic results," he said.

Lynch admits he was skeptical. "I couldn't rationalize the path of physiology in my head," he said. "I just wrote it off as 'Sean's kind of kooky' and was onto someone really kooky."

Mulvaney and Lynch eventually became certified to administer the block to their patients in special operations units to which they were assigned in the U.S.

They collaborated on several studies. Among their findings in the largest case series published was that of 166 military members with multiple combat deployments who received the block, more than 70 percent reported significant improvements in PTSD symptoms three to six months out, according to one study.

Curiously, the block appears to reduce the fight-or-flight response rather than subdue it, doctors familiar with the procedure say.

Lynch said he's heard soldiers say: "Well, hang on a second; you're telling me you're going to block my fight-or-flight mechanism? I've been training 20 years in the Army to hone that sucker. I don't want something blocking" that, he said.

Lynch and his colleagues did a small study examining reaction time immediately after receiving the block and a week after treatment to make sure there wasn't a decline in a soldier's ability to fight.

The outcome "was surprising," he said. "Things got better. Reaction time got better."

Though the block has been given to more than 1,000 patients at five U.S. military hospitals and has been studied for years, it's still not widely accepted as a standard method of care for PTSD, Lynch said.

"Many folks are slow to adopt a new treatment, particularly something that could be invasive, like a needle in the neck, unless there's adequate literature to show that it's effective," he said.

More research needed

Not all studies done on the treatment to date have shown it to be effective.

Results published in 2015 from a randomized, controlled trial involving 42 patients at Naval Medical Center San Diego found that stellate ganglion block performed no better than a placebo in relieving PTSD symptoms.

Dr. Robert McLay, a psychiatrist and senior author of the study, said that while the study

did not support the use of stellate ganglion block for PTSD, "it also did not eliminate it as a possibility."

Of the 42 servicemembers with PTSD, 27 were chosen randomly to receive stellate ganglion block and 15 were given a sham injection. Results showed PTSD symptoms improved significantly for both groups after treatment, but there was no clinically significant difference in outcomes between the active and control groups, according to the study. Those who received a second block showed greater improvements, the research team reported.

The study showed definitively that the block "is not a panacea that works for everyone, that there can be a placebo effect from the treatment, and that the procedure, although relatively safe, is not entirely without risks," McLay told Stars and Stripes in an email.

All medical procedures carry risks, McLay said. With the stellate block, people often will experience a temporary numbing in the arm and face and possibly difficulty swallowing, and there is a small risk of damage to nerves, blood vessels or the lungs, he said.

Lipov questioned the design of the study, pointing to the very small population size involved and that the study did not use an active placebo, one that mimics the side effects of the actual block.

McLay said more research is needed.

"It is definitely worth keeping an open mind," McLay said. "An open mind doesn't mean letting your brain fall out, however. We need good science, and that means multiple studies to support or refute SGB."

It's like a miracle

For Brooke Byers, the procedure seemed more miracle than science when she considers the effect it had on her husband, Clint Byers, a former Army intelligence officer, and their family.

About five years ago, Clint Byers returned from a combat deployment to Afghanistan a changed man, she said.

Officially diagnosed with PTSD, he experienced a progressive deterioration in his quality of life. There was memory loss, irritability, insomnia.

"We couldn't eat out; we could not go to a shopping mall; we could not be in large crowds," she said. "He was on constant alert and in constant fear. He was constantly scanning crowds and looking for threats."

Therapy and prescription Zoloft didn't work, she said.

"He was in bad shape for a really long time," she said. "It was to the point where I was questioning how much longer I could be

in this marriage; how much longer we were going to put the kids through this kind of life that we had at the time."

Then, Clint Byers' father saw Lipov on TV talking about the stellate ganglion block on "The Doctors."

The Byerses scraped together \$1,000 to cover the procedure — the VA wouldn't pay for it — and airfare for the couple to fly from their home in Tampa, Fla., to Chicago, where Lipov practices.

Clint Byers received the block in May 2015. The effects took hold almost immediately.

"He was giddy. He was just so happy and joyful for the first time in several years," Brooke Byers said.

Those feelings persisted into the next day.

"He literally leapt out of the hotel bed and flung the curtains open, he was so elated," she said.

On the plane trip home, Brooke Byers turned to her husband and said, "I'm so happy that you're so happy, but I'm going to need you to

dial it back a bit," she said, laughing at the memory. "I told him everybody on the plane doesn't need to hear how happy you are. I thought, 'Oh, Lord, they're going to think he's on something.'"

She said she was on high alert for several weeks after the procedure. "I was so paranoid it was going to wear off all of a sudden, because we don't know how long it will last," she said.

"He's still great," she said.

"I've got this man back whom I have not known in years. It's like a miracle, no joke."

Lynch urges those who have or think they may have PTSD to at least consider participating in the current study.

He's heard soldiers express concern about not wanting to be a "guinea pig" by participating in an "experimental" study. The study, he emphasized, is not experimental; the procedure has been performed for a number of years and numerous studies have been done, just none large enough to propel the treatment into the mainstream.

"It will take having enough participants in this study to truly determine whether SGB is effective," Rae Olmsted said. "If it is, then the procedure can be adopted tri-service-wide, as well as in veteran and civilian communities, to offer hope to those suffering from the often debilitating symptoms of PTSD."

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Islamic State militants' tunnels a hidden danger

By WILLIAM BOOTH
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The Washington Post

KAREMLASH, Iraq — "They're everywhere," said the Iraqi intelligence officer, sweeping his arm from this ancient Christian village toward the horizon. The Iraqi captain was searching for tunnels dug by Islamic State fighters.

The officer stomped on the ground. "Here. We found one, then three, now six. Right here." And over there? "More," he said. "And more."

Villages recaptured from the Islamic State group during the past three weeks by the Kurdish peshmarga and Iraqi army forces on the road to Mosul have been honeycombed with tunnels, many of them booby-trapped.

In the past three days, commanders said Iraqi forces have faced the hardest fighting of the offensive as they entered Mosul, made worse by extensive tunnels that are allowing Islamic State fighters to appear seemingly out of nowhere to attack, then retreat to the hidden bunkers.

"The clashes have been very, very violent," especially on Friday and Saturday, as troops advanced deeper into the city held by the Islamic State group for the past two years, said Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasoul, a spokesman for the Iraqi military.

"It's house-to-house fighting now," said Rasoul, who declined to give casualty figures.

With Iraqi special forces now battling for the eastern districts of Mosul, commanders say the omnipresent tunnels, alongside holes smashed between the walls of buildings, are allowing hidden Islamic State fighters to move quickly into position to ambush advancing troops and then pivot to concealed locations.

An Iraqi armored commander who drove his Abrams tank into eastern Mosul recalled seeing dozens of fighters scrambling on the street in front of his guns.

"Then they disappeared," he said, into the ground.

"It's like we are fighting two wars in two cities," said Col. Falah Al-Obaidi, of the Iraqi counterterror forces. "There's the war on the streets and there is a whole city underground where they are hiding."

The colonel complained, "Now it's hard to consider an area liberated, because though we control the surface, [the Islamic State] will appear from under the ground, like

rats."

Obaidi and other commanders said they knew urban warfare among civilians and human shields in Mosul would be difficult, but the tunnels are making it worse. The officers described the battlefield as more of a sphere than a plane — with threats coming from side to side, above and below.

Journalists embedded with Iraqi special forces reported Islamic State fighters popping out of tunnels after areas were secured and firing at the troops.

The number of tunnels is unknown. Islamic State fighters dug extensive tunnels under Fallujah, which was recaptured by Iraqi forces in June.

The Islamic State didn't invent the tactic. Tunnels have been used in warfare for thousands of years, especially valued in asymmetric guerrilla war. Jewish rebels used tunnels against Roman legions; the Viet Cong did the same against U.S. troops in Southeast Asia.

Here in Karemlash, Iraqi Christian militias uncovered cramped, earthen burrows used by Islamic State fighters to hide from surveillance drones, artillery shells and U.S.-led airstrikes.

The tunnels were dug into a hill that covers an archaeological site for an ancient Assyrian city. The Islamic State group also commandeered the Saint Barbara convent and dug deep tunnels through the floor of the chapel. The village marks the site where Alexander the Great fought the Persian emperor Darius in 331 B.C.

Some tunnels go for hundreds of yards. The earth is hard-packed and laced with rocks, and the passageways are illuminated with electric lights.

In one set of tunnels in the village of Shaouli there were subterranean dormitories, still littered with mattresses and blankets. Someone had decorated the rooms with flowered wallpaper and Islamic State posters.

Iraqi troops have found weapons caches, small kitchens, food pantries and rooms stacked with explosives.

To conceal their digging from drones and satellites, the Islamic State usually hid the dirt. In the houses near tunnel entrances, rooms are filled from floor to ceiling with soil.

The longest tunnel discovered so far stretched for 6 miles at the edge of Mosul, according to Iraqi commanders. It was dug by Islamic State cadres with help from civilians probably forced to shovel.



FELIPE DANA/AP

Displaced people pass a checkpoint Sunday near Qayara, south of Mosul, Iraq.

Battle for Mosul rages; militants kill 20 in Iraq

By SUSANNAH GEORGE
Associated Press

MOUSL, Iraq — Iraq's special forces worked Sunday to clear neighborhoods on the eastern edge of Islamic State-held Mosul as bombings launched by the extremist group elsewhere in the country killed at least 20 people.

The Mosul offensive has slowed in recent days as Iraqi forces have pushed into more densely populated areas where they cannot rely as much on airstrikes and shelling because of the risk posed to civilians, who have been told to stay in their homes.

"There are a lot of civilians and we are trying to protect them," said Lt. Col. Muhanad al-Timimi. "This is one of the hardest battles that we've faced till now."

Some civilians are fleeing the combat zone while Islamic State militants are holding others back for use as human shields, making it harder for Iraqi commanders on the ground to get approval for requested U.S.-led coalition airstrikes. Iraqi's special forces are some of the country's best troops, but they still largely rely on air support to clear terrain.

Iraqi forces first entered the eastern edge of the city Tuesday. On Friday, forces began pushing into Mosul proper but so far have advanced only about a mile into the city.

On the southern front, Iraqi forces are

still some 12 miles from the city center. The fighting is centered on the town of Hamam al-Ali, where Associated Press journalists could hear gunfire and saw attack helicopters firing on Islamic State positions.

The extremists, meanwhile, struck far from the front lines with a series of bombings.

The deadliest attack took place in the city of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad and home to a major Shiite shrine. Provincial spokesman Ali al-Hamdani said the attacker set off a bomb-packed ambulance in a parking lot near Shiite pilgrims before detonating his explosives vest.

The attack killed 11 people, including at least four Iraqis, and wounded up to 100 other people.

Another suicide attacker rammed an explosives-laden car into a busy checkpoint outside the city of Tikrit, killing at least nine people. Al-Hamdani said five female students, a woman and three policemen were killed in the attack, while 25 others were wounded.

In the capital, Baghdad, a series of smaller bombings killed at least 10 people and wounded 21 others, according to police and medical officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters. No one immediately claimed the attacks, but they bore the hallmarks of Islamic State.

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WAR ON TERRORISM

Syrian Kurds begin campaign to retake Raqqa

By ZEINA KARAM
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Associated Press

BEIRUT — Kurdish-led Syrian forces backed by the U.S. said they have begun a military campaign to liberate the Islamic State group's de facto capital of Raqqa, urging civilians to avoid "enemy gatherings" and warning Turkey not to interfere in the operation.

The announcement by a coalition of Kurds and Arabs known as the Syria Democratic Forces came at a news conference in Ein Issa, north of Raqqa, and was attended by senior commanders and representatives of the group. It lacked specific details on how they plan to oust the militants from the city.

Islamic State forces already are under attack by U.S.-backed Iraqi forces on the eastern edges of Mosul, which the group seized

in 2014 when it captured territory across Iraq and Syria. Iraqi forces, who began their operation Oct. 17, are trying to push deeper into the city, which is the militants' last urban bastion in Iraq.

Cihan Ehmed, an SDF fighter reading the statement, said 30,000 fighters will take part in the operation, dubbed "Euphrates Rage," and that a joint operations command had been set up to coordinate various factions on all fronts.

The SDF is dominated by the main Syrian Kurdish fighting force known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG. The United States considers the group to be the most effective force against the Islamic State group, but Turkey views it as a terrorist organization and claims it's linked to Turkey's outlawed Kurdish group. Turkish officials including President Recep Tayyip Erdogan have said



ARAB 24/AP

A frame grab from the Arab 24 network's video shows officials with the Syria Democratic Forces announcing their plan to retake Raqqa.

they will not accept a role for the Kurds in the liberation of Raqqa.

Kurdish officials have rejected any role in the Raqqa campaign for Turkey or the opposition forces it backs inside Syria, and U.S. officials have also acknowledged that the YPG will be a major part of any Raqqa offensive.

There was no comment from Turkey, the U.S. or Syrian President Bashar Assad's government on the Kurdish announcement. SDF spokesman Talal Sillio told The Associated Press the Raqqa campaign will occur on several fronts.

Another SDF official, Rezan Hiddo, said Turkey has been an "obstacle" to the Raqqa campaign. He said the SDF has informed the international coalition that Turkey could spoil the campaign if it

decides to strike at Kurdish-controlled areas in northern Syria. That would force the Kurds to stop their campaign toward Raqqa to protect their areas, he said.

U.S. officials have acknowledged that ousting the Islamic State group from Raqqa poses tougher political challenges than the Mosul offensive, and have suggested the initial stage would involve isolating the city before any forces try to move in.

The commander of anti-Islamic State coalition forces, Lt. Gen. Stephen Townsend, said last week that U.S. intelligence has detected signs that Islamic State attacks against Western targets are being plotted from Raqqa, adding urgency to coalition plans to encircle and eventually assault the city.

Kidnapped Italians and Canadian freed in Libya

Associated Press

ROME — Two Italians and a Canadian kidnapped in southern Libya in September were freed unharmed and brought to Italy early Saturday, authorities said.

Italian authorities said the intelligence services of Libya, Italy and Canada cooperated in securing the release of the three men after nearly seven weeks of captivity. The men, technicians working on an airport construction project, were seized Sept. 19 by armed, masked men who blocked their vehicle in Ghat, a Sahara Desert city in southwestern Libya.

A number of criminal and extremist groups operate in the area.

Italy identified the Italians as Danilo Calenoghe and Bruno Cacace and the Canadian as Frank Poccia. Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni said the two Italians had not been mistreated during their captivity and were in good health.

Italian prosecutors questioned the men for hours Saturday, seeking more information about possible terrorist involvement in the case.

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NATION

Secret Service: No gun involved in commotion at rally

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — No weapon was involved in a commotion that briefly disrupted Donald Trump's Saturday night rally and cowed agents to hustle Trump from the stage, the Secret Service said.

The Republican presidential nominee had been speaking to supporters for a while when a disturbance broke out in the crowd close to the podium. Two Secret Service agents quickly surrounded Trump, then hustled him away.

In a statement, the Secret Service said a person in front of the stage had shouted "Gun!" but that no weapon was found after a search of the person and the immediate area. The person was apprehended, but officials did not identify the person or disclose

whether the person had been charged with a crime.

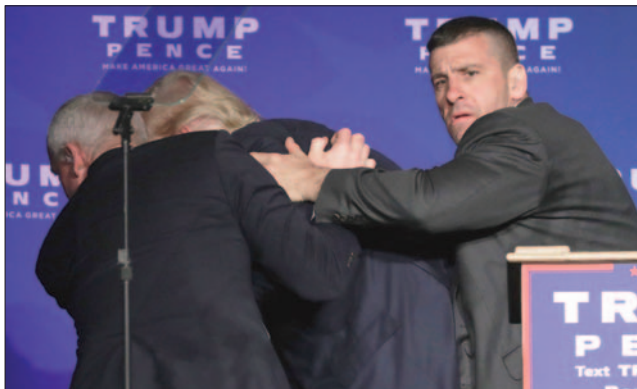
The Secret Service said an investigation into the incident was ongoing.

Upon his return to the stage a few minutes later, Trump thanked the Secret Service and told the crowd: "Nobody said it was going to be easy for us. But we will never be stopped. Never ever be stopped."

The Secret Service statement noted that magnetometers are used at presidential campaign sites.

"All general public attending these events must go through a magnetometer screening prior to entering a protected area," the agency said.

Donald Trump's son and a top campaign aide were falsely



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Secret Service agents rush Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump off the stage during a campaign rally in Reno, Nev., on Saturday. He returned to the podium afterwards.

spreading the rumor that an incident at a Nevada rally was an "assassination attempt" against the candidate even though no weapon was found.

Trump's son, Don Jr., and Dan Scavino, who runs Trump's so-

cial media operation, re-tweeted a message that read, "Hillary ran away from rain today. Trump is back on stage minutes after assassination attempt."

At Trump's next rally in Denver, a pastor, introduced as

Father Andre Y-Sebastian Mahanna, also falsely called the Reno incident "an attempt of murder against Mr. Trump." Mahanna blamed the incident on the media for inciting hate against the Republican nominee.

Clinton aims high, Trump goes hard in closing push

By LISA LERER
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Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hillary Clinton aimed to hit high notes Sunday in the final moments of her campaign, hoping an uplifting message would wash away voters' disgust with the grueling presidential contest. Donald Trump vowed he and his supporters would never quit, as he charged into unexpected territory.

The candidates embarked on one of their final tours of battleground states, shifting to their closing arguments to weary voters deeply divided along racial, economic and gender lines.

With national polls showing her retaining an edge, Clinton enlisted allies and A-listers for help at stops in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Hampshire. She planned to campaign with Cavaliers star LeBron James in Cleveland, and rally voters in Manchester with Khizr Khan, the Gold Star father whose indictment of Trump delivered emotional high point for Democrats.

Trump, meanwhile, planned a marathon day on the campaign trail, with stops in five states, including Minnesota, Michigan and Pennsylvania — states that have long proven unfriendly territory for Democrats.

Trump's campaign manager Kellyanne Conway told reporters Sunday Trump planned to keep up the breakneck campaign pace

through Election Day. After voting in New York, Trump was expected to return to Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina and New Hampshire later in the day, Conway said.

"Our secret weapon is the American people who are saying, 'Enough is enough,'" vice presidential candidate Mike Pence said on "Fox News Sunday."

Tension ran high in the final days. Trump was rushed off stage Saturday night at his rally in Reno, Nevada, after someone near the stage had shouted "Gun!," according to the Secret Service. The agency said a search revealed no weapon.

Trump returned a few minutes later to resume his remarks and declared, "We will never be stopped."

The Republican candidate's son and top campaign adviser later retweeted the false rumor that the incident was an "assassination attempt," and a supporter at a subsequent rally in Denver repeated the suggestion.

Asked about the misinformation, Conway did not apologize, he said Trump's son was acting out of worry: "It's pretty rattling to think of what may have happened to your father. So, I will excuse him that," Conway told CNN on Sunday.

The Clinton campaign says it is focusing on securing its own wall in the West and upper Midwest. Clinton started her day with the largely African American congregation of Mount Airy Church of God in Christ in Philadelphia.

President Barack Obama planned to rally in Ann Arbor, Michigan Monday before joining Clinton for a rally in Philadelphia



WILFREDO LEE/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, right, hugs Clinton Fulton, mother of Trayvon Martin, at a rally, on Saturday in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

that evening.

Critical in both states is African American turnout. Black clergy were taking to the pulpits in a "Souls to the Poll" campaign to energize black voters, after early vote data shows some signs of diminished turnout.

Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the campaign believes if Clinton wins Nevada and Michigan, she "is going to be the next president of the United States."

Clinton faced dark skies, intense rain and strong wind in Florida on Saturday before appearing

in Pennsylvania with pop singer Katy Perry. The Democratic nominee was preparing to campaign Sunday with basketball superstar LeBron James, having shared the stage Friday night with music diva Beyoncé and hip hop mogul husband Jay Z.

"Tonight, I want to hear you roar," a smiling Clinton said before introducing Perry for a Saturday night performance in Philadelphia.

Perry, who hugged Clinton while wearing a purple cape bearing the words, "I'm with Madam President," shouted, "In three days, let's make history!"

Black clergy making last push to get out the vote

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Black clergy are taking to the pulpits and the streets nationwide this weekend in hopes of energizing black voters ahead of Election Day, aiming to make a difference in the presidential contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Many expect a drop in black voter participation this year, primarily because Barack Obama, the nation's first African-American president, is not on the ballot. His historic candidacy in 2008 and re-election in 2012 helped to boost black turnout.

"Voting, for us, is both a spiritual and a political issue," said Rev. William Barber, president of the North Carolina NAACP and architect of the Moral Monday Movement in North Carolina. Barber will be one of several clergy at the historic Riverside Church in New York City Sunday evening for a revival service to encourage voting on Tuesday.

In battleground states like Florida, Ohio and North Carolina, other black clergy are extending "Souls to the Polls" efforts for a second weekend to get black churchgoers to cast ballots early or on Election Day. Souls to the Polls events are based around black churches that encourage their parishioners to vote — although they cannot tell them who to support — and try to make it easier for elderly, busy or just reluctant voters to cast ballots.

NATION

Federal judge rejects voter intimidation claims in NJ

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A federal judge in New Jersey on Saturday denied a motion by the Democratic National Committee to sanction the Republican National Committee before Election Day.

Judge John Michael Vazquez's ruling came one day after lawyers for the Democrats had argued that Republicans were coordinating with GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump to intimidate voters in violation of an agreement that the RNC has been forced to follow since 1982.

Republican Party lawyers denied those claims.

Vazquez ruled that the documents provided to the court by the RNC showed no indication it was working in concert with the Trump campaign on activities that might constitute voter intimidation. But he said he would allow for additional arguments about the election to take place under the consent decree slated to expire next year should be extended.

The legal challenge is one of several around the country filed by Democrats. The case in New Jersey sought to force voters and state parties with the Republican National Committee, arguing that any collaboration on voter intimidation or ballot security efforts would violate the agreement.

The consent decree was created after Democrats alleged that the RNC helped intimidate black voters during New Jersey's 1981 gubernatorial election. The RNC and New Jersey's Republican Party allegedly had off-duty law enforcement officers stand at polling places in urban areas wearing "National Ballot Security Task Force" armbands. Some had guns visible.

The RNC admitted no wrongdoing, but agreed to the decree to settle the case. The decree regulates only work done by the RNC and is scheduled to end next year.

"The court clearly reached the right conclusion," RNC spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said Saturday. "The DNC offered the court nothing but politically charged allegations," she pointed out, adding that the RNC has ample evidence whatsoever. There is no credible evidence because the RNC remains fully compliant with the consent decree."

In a statement issued Saturday, Angelo Genova, a lawyer for the DNC, ordered the court to "reimpose" in the court's decision denying immediate relief on the eve of this election, but find comfort in knowing that meaningful discovery may be pursued afterward to establish that this 30-plus-year-old consent decree "is a permanent viable in the fight against RNC-inspired voter suppression efforts."



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Bridget Anne Kelly, left, former deputy chief of staff for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, is held by her lawyer, Michael Critchley, on Friday after she was found guilty on all counts in the George Washington Bridge traffic trial in Newark, N.J.

'Bridgegate' again delays Christie's political plans

By MICHAEL CATALINI

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie planned to make his return to the campaign trail for Donald Trump, appearing in public for the Republican presidential nominee for the first time in months to rally voters in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania on the final weekend before Election Day.

Then Bridgegate interrupted his plans — again.

Two of Christie's former allies were convicted Friday in a plot to close the George Washington Bridge in 2013 to punish a Democratic mayor for not backing Christie's re-election. Christie was not charged in the case, but the trial made the past seven weeks a gauntlet of negative headlines for the governor.

While Trump's campaign had announced before the verdict that Christie would stump for him on Saturday, they said later Friday that he could not be on the trail Saturday.

The plot that led to the convictions Friday of Bridget Anne Kelly, Christie's former deputy chief of staff, and Bill Baroni, an executive at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, stemmed from Christie's political team's efforts to build bipartisan support they hoped eventually would help him in this year's presidential election.

Instead, the scandal and criminal case that came from the plot has dragged Christie down, helping to keep his own presidential campaign from going anywhere and featuring testimony reinforcing Christie's reputation among his critics as a bully.

Christie said after he was passed over as Trump's vice presidential pick that the bridge scandal likely factored into Trump's decision.

The trial also included allega-

tions that he knew more about the lane closings than he's previously claimed. Christie said again Friday that he had no knowledge of the plot and said he would "set the record straight" soon about "the lies told by the media and in the courtroom."

"I had no knowledge prior to or during these lane realignments and had no role in authorizing them," Christie said. "No believable evidence was presented to contradict that fact. Anything said to the contrary over the past six weeks in court is simply untrue."

Beyond the Trump presidential campaign, the fallout from Friday's verdict included Democrats calling for a new investigation in to the governor's role and calls for impeachment from liberal groups in New Jersey.

Montclair State University political science professor Bridgid Callahan Harrison said Christie was damaged by "the narcissistic way" he was portrayed at the trial.

"These convictions will be an essential, defining feature of Christie's legacy in office," she said, "and will forever taint how his administration is perceived and will be remembered."

What comes next for Christie isn't clear, but a Trump win on Tuesday over Democrat Hillary Clinton could give him an exit hatch from the political morass he faces at home, taking the two-term governor to Washington as a Cabinet pick or top aide. Although the fallout from the convictions and questions about what Christie knew also could complicate that.

Even though Trump said last year that he thought Christie "totally knew" about the lane closing plot, he appointed him to lead his transition team. Christie has assembled a team led by two close advisers responsible for filling thousands of government jobs if Trump wins.

Sex scandals and comebacks mark Va. mayoral race

By ALAN SUDERMAN

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Mix a heaping of Anthony Weiner-like sex scandals, a dash of a Donald Trump-like clash with the establishment, and a sprinkling of Marion Barry-style political comebacks and you get the potentially next mayor of Virginia's capital.

Joe Morrissey made national news last year when he won reelection to the General Assembly while spending his nights in jail because of a sex scandal involving a lawyer he later married. Now he's the front-runner for mayor while embroiled in another sexting scandal, this time battling last-minute allegations that he exposed himself to a legal client and sent her long text messages.

Like his disgraced former Rep. Weiner, sending sexually charged texts has gotten Morrissey into trouble. Like GOP presidential nominee Trump, Morrissey enjoys poking a split political establishment trying to defeat him. And like former Washington Mayor Barry, who won re-election after the FBI caught him on tape smoking crack, Morrissey hasn't let a conviction keep him from office.

Polis have shown Morrissey leading a crowded field thanks largely to support from the city's black population.

Richmond, the former capital of the Confederacy, still grapples with a painful racial history where slaves were once sold a few blocks from the Thomas Jefferson-designed Capitol and black children were later segregated into substandard schools. Morrissey, 59, a graying, white man married to a black woman nearly four decades his junior, has become black Richmond's unlikely champion.

But his campaign has unsettled much of the city. Some view Morrissey as a narcissistic rogue who would make Richmond a national laughingstock.

"I hope he doesn't win," said Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine, who was Richmond's mayor in the 1990s. "I really think it would be an embarrassment for the city."

Morrissey brushes off such comments and said his resilience is part of why he's so popular with much of Richmond and so unpopular with the city's elites.

"When I get knocked down, they can't stand it when I get back up," Morrissey said.

At a recent stop to shake hands in the parking lot of a small grocery store in a struggling part of south Richmond, nearly all the customers knew Morrissey and greeted him warmly.

One man praised Morrissey for being tough. Another asked why he wasn't running for president. Many mentioned that Morrissey had represented a family member in legal trouble at one point.

Former police officer Deborah Meade said Morrissey is "like a rock star" in the black community, in part because of his work as a defense attorney for low-income blacks, sometimes for free or at a discounted rate.

Morrissey also is an expert at maximizing media exposure. As a member of the House of Delegates, he waved an assault rifle inside the chamber while arguing for gun control. But his legal problems and tangled personal life probably explain his name recognition more than anything else.

In 2014, while a state lawmaker, Morrissey pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor after prosecutors accused him of sexually abusing a 17-year-old and said her nude photo was found on his cellphone. He spent his nights in jail and days in the General Assembly, where he was shunned by his fellow Democrats and Republicans alike.

Morrissey later married the woman, Myra Pridemore, and has two children with her.

Last week, Morrissey faced a new potential scandal when a former legal client said that he made unwanted sexual advances and that an attorney in his firm pressed her to take a guilty plea for failing to return a rental car.

Morrissey has said he sent "flirtatious" texts to the woman but denies doing anything inappropriate. He said the allegations are part of a last-minute smear attempt by powerful special interests scared that he'd cut spending on economic development projects as mayor.

Several candidates are trying to position themselves as an alternative to Morrissey, but it's not clear whether anyone will succeed.

On Wednesday, candidate Jon Batiles dropped out and said he did it to make sure Morrissey doesn't win.

"I can no longer risk splitting votes with other candidates if it means electing someone who so plainly cares only about himself," Batiles said.

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Todd Kohlhepp leaves the courtroom of Judge Jimmy Henson after a bond hearing at the Spartanburg Detention Facility in Spartanburg, S.C., on Sunday. The judge denied bond for Kohlhepp, charged with a 2003 quadruple slaying and more recently holding a woman captive on his property.

No bond for slaying suspect

Accused is charged in 2003 quadruple murder in SC, recent kidnapping

By MEG KINNARD
AND SEANNA ADcox
Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — A South Carolina man accused of holding a woman chained inside a storage container was denied bond Sunday after investigators say he also confessed to an unsolved quadruple murder that happened 13 years ago.

Authorities have charged Todd Kohlhepp, 45, with four counts of murder in the deaths of four people in 2003 at the Superbike Motorsports motorcycle shop in Chesnee, S.C.

His alleged role in those killings was uncovered after the woman was found last week in a locked metal container on Kohlhepp's property in rural Woodruff, authorities said.

Kohlhepp's arrest has put to rest for local law enforcement and the families of the victims a mystery that has haunted them for more than a decade. "We got 'em today. We got 'em today. I'm rejoicing that this community can know that four people who were brutally murdered, there's no wondering about it anymore," Sheriff Chuck Wright said late Saturday night.

Kohlhepp is also charged with the woman's kidnapping, and prosecutors say more charges are expected.

A Spartanburg County sheriff's investigative report says Kohlhepp "confessed to investigators that he shot and killed" the owner, service manager, mechanic and bookkeeper of the motorcycle shop. "Kohlhepp gave details... that only the killer would know," the report says.

Authorities say Kohlhepp is a suspect in at least three other deaths.

Kohlhepp appeared before Magistrate Judge Jimmy Henson on Sunday for the brief bond hearing on the four murder counts. The issue of bond could be taken up by a circuit court later.

Wearing an orange jumpsuit, Kohlhepp declined to make a statement when offered the chance.

Wright said Kohlhepp also showed law enforcement officers Saturday where he says he buried two other victims on his 95-acre property near Woodruff. Wright said there could be more bodies.

Those are in addition to the body found Friday at the site. Authorities identified that victim as Charles Carver, 32, the boyfriend of the woman found Thursday. Carver died of multiple gunshot wounds.

Carver and the woman went missing around Aug. 31, and their last known cellphone signals led authorities to the property. The Associated Press is not naming the woman because the suspect is a sex offender, though authorities have not said whether she was sexually assaulted.

The wife of one of the 2003 victims said detectives told her Kohlhepp was an angry customer who had been in the shop several times.

Melissa Ponder said that she had resigned herself to her husband, Scott's, death remaining unsolved — until she got a phone call Saturday evening from detectives.

"He knew too much about the crime scene," Ponder said of Kohlhepp's account to detectives. "He knew everything."

"It isn't closure, but it is an answer. And I am thankful for that."

Melissa Ponder
wife of 2003
victim Scott Ponder

Before Kohlhepp emerged as a suspect in the 2003 slayings, investigators had said all four victims were killed with the same 9 mm pistol. They have theorized that the killer came in the back, perhaps through an open garage door, and killed mechanic Chris Sherbert, 26, as he worked. Bookkeeper Beverly Guy, 52, was found just outside the bathroom in the middle of the showroom.

Thirty-year-old shop owner Scott Ponder was found just outside the door in the parking lot. He was Guy's son. Brian Lucas was in the doorway.

Kohlhepp was released from prison in Arizona in 2001. As a teenager, he was convicted of raping a 14-year-old neighbor at gunpoint and threatening to kill her siblings if she called police. Kohlhepp had to register as a sex offender.

That didn't stop him from getting a South Carolina real estate license in 2006 and building a firm.

Wright said "it's strange" that Kohlhepp managed the pretext of a normal life for so long.

WikiLeaks emails show Chicago mayor used personal account

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel used personal email accounts and a personal email domain to communicate with government officials and political figures, according to a published report based on hacked emails posted by WikiLeaks.

Emanuel's personal account information turned up among the thousands of emails from John Podesta, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman, the Chicago Tribune reported. Clinton has come under fire for her use of a private email system because doing so potentially jeopardized classified information.

Emanuel registered his personal email domain, "rahmemail.com," on May 16, 2011, the day he was sworn into office. The hacked emails also turned up evidence of Emanuel's personal Gmail account.

The messages mark the first direct evidence that Emanuel has used personal email accounts as mayor beyond official city government accounts.

Emanuel was sued by the newspaper last year in a case about state open record laws that's still pending. Under Illinois law, government business conducted over email by a public official is subject to the state's open records law.

The paper's Freedom of Information Act requests filed since Emanuel took office have turned up little to no email communications from the mayor on his government email accounts.

Adam Collins, a spokesman for the mayor, said Emanuel's use of a customized email domain is com-

mon, and added that Emanuel has not had and does not use a private email server.

After the mayor's election in 2011, the campaign fund set up a new email to ensure the mayor was not using government email for private or political use, which could violate city ordinance or state law."

Emanuel spokesman Adam Collins told the newspaper: "A dedicated Gmail domain allowed for better security given the growing threat of cyberattacks."

Collins did not say whether Emanuel has used either of the personal email accounts to conduct government business.

Federal records show that since taking office, Emanuel used his custom email domain to send at least seven messages on two different strings to Clinton while she was secretary of state, the newspaper reported.

"Sorry, but I'm scheduled to be in the Balkans so would love a rain check for next time. All the best, Mayor," Clinton wrote back.

In June 2014, Clinton made good on her rain check, participating in a special Ideas Week interview.

The hacked emails WikiLeaks released also showed Emanuel using his rahmemail.com domain to contact Podesta. The day after Emanuel was forced into a runoff in his re-election bid, Podesta used a Gmail address for Emanuel instead of the rahmemail.com account.

Service is restored to damaged Ala. gas line

Associated Press

HELENA, Ala. — A gas pipeline that exploded in Alabama last week is back in service, the pipeline company said Sunday.

Service was restarted at 5:45 a.m. Sunday on the pipeline that transports gasoline from the Gulf Coast to New York City, according to Colonial Pipeline Co.

The pipeline exploded Monday while a crew was making repairs related to a September gas spill, killing one person and injuring four others. It may take several days for the fuel delivery supply chain to return to normal after the service restoration, the company said.

Government officials and Colonial Pipeline have said a piece of excavation equipment hit the pipeline, causing the explosion,

but further details haven't been released. Anthony Lee Willingham, 48, of Heflin, Ala., died in the blast. Four other people were injured and remained hospitalized.

Colonial said it began excavating Wednesday night at the site, about 25 miles southwest of Birmingham, Ala.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the pipeline rupture, conducting interviews, documenting the site and surrounding area and collecting physical evidence, the agency said in a news release. The investigators also plan to travel to Colonial's office in Alpharetta, Ga., to speak to operations and engineering staff, review control room operations and collect data and documents.

WORLD

British premier May says country should unite on Brexit plan

By GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May has shrugged off an adverse court ruling on her government's plans to leave the European Union and maintains that Brexit will be carried out in full.

She used a Sunday Telegraph column to say her government will "get on with the job" despite a High Court ruling requiring her to seek parliamentary approval before triggering the exit process. May said the government hopes to win a reversal of that decision before the Supreme Court because an important principle is at stake.

She said Parliament voted to put the decision on EU membership "in the hands of the people" in the June 23 referendum, the vote was decisive in favor of leaving the 28-nation bloc and that choice must be respected.

Brexit offers a "great national opportunity" to "forge a bold, confident global future for Britain," said May, who spoke out in favor of staying within the EU during the hard-fought referendum campaign.

She was traveling to India on Sunday with a delegation of business leaders to conduct her first trade mission as prime minister in order to emphasize the importance of "the relationships we have with our friends and allies overseas."

Despite May's optimism, the High Court ruling risks delaying the Brexit process that May has pledged to formally begin by the end of March.

She in Spain are pressuring her to tell our Britain's negotiating position before Parliament, which she refuses to do.

May's plan to invoke Article 50 to formally begin the divorce from the EU before April is almost certain to be opposed in Parliament by Scottish National



KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/AP

British Prime Minister Theresa May speaks Wednesday at 10 Downing Street in London.

Party lawmakers, Scotland's Brexit minister said Sunday. Unlike much of the U.K., Scottish voters expressed a preference for staying in the EU.

Michael Russell said the pro-independence party with 54 members in Parliament has a strong mandate to protect Scotland's place in the EU, which could justify blocking the government's plans.

He said his party believes that keeping Britain in Europe's single market of more than 500 million people must be a top priority of any Brexit negotiations.

"At the very least, membership of the single market must be paramount in our position," he said.

U.K. Independence Party acting leader Nigel Farage said Sunday there's a risk of unrest if British voters feel their will is being thwarted by lawmakers.

"Believe you me, if the people in this country think they're going to be cheated, they're going to be betrayed, then we will see political anger the likes of which none of us in our lifetimes have ever witnessed," he told BBC interviewer Andrew Marr.



BURHAN OZBILIC/AP

Police detain a protester Sunday in Ankara, Turkey, after Turkey's pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party announced Sunday that it will halt its legislative activities in parliament following the arrests of nine of its lawmakers.

Pro-Kurdish party to limit role in Turkish parliament

By ZEYNEP BILGINOY
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Turkey's pro-Kurdish party announced Sunday that it will halt its legislative activities in Parliament following the arrests of nine of its lawmakers, a move the prime minister called a mistake.

Peoples' Democratic Party spokesman Ayhan Bilgen said at a news conference in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir that the party will stop participating in parliamentary commissions and the parliamentary assembly.

Bilgen later told The Associated Press that the party does not plan to withdraw from Parliament. Pulling out of Parliament is a decision that only can "be made

in consultation with the people," he said.

The party, known as the HDP, therefore plans to gauge public opinion following "the most extensive and darkest attack in our democratic political history," he said.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim called on the HDP in a televised speech from the northeastern city of Bayburt to "return from this mistake before it's too late."

HDP lawmakers would be disrespecting the voters who elected them if they do not represent them in Parliament, Yildirim said.

"Come to the Parliament and say whatever you want, but no politician can be a shield to ter-

ror by abusing their position," the prime minister said.

HDP co-leaders Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag were arrested Friday on terrorism-related charges, along with seven other lawmakers. The HDP entered Parliament last year as the nation's third-largest party, with 59 lawmakers.

Turkey's government accuses the HDP of being the political wing of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party or PKK, which has waged a three-decade-long insurgency against the state. The party rejects the accusation.

In May, Turkey's Parliament voted to strip lawmakers of legal immunity, paving the way for last week's arrests.

Philippine police say drug-linked mayor shot dead in jail

Associated Press

BAYBAY, Philippines — Philippine police killed a town mayor in his jail cell in a purported gunbattle, the second killing in a week of a politician linked to illegal drugs under President Rodrigo Duterte's brutal crackdown.

Rolando Espinosa Sr., the mayor of the town of Albura in the central province of Leyte, and a fellow inmate were shot dead before dawn Saturday after they fired at officers who staged a raid in search of firearms and illegal drugs in the provincial jail in Leyte's Baybay city, police said.

Some officials and an anti-crime watchdog have called for an investigation of the circumstances of the killings, wondering how the mayor and the other inmate got hold of guns and what prompted them to clash with several policemen while in detention.

"Offhand, I can smell extrajudicial killing," said Sen. Panfilo Lacson, a former national police chief, adding that the suspicious deaths were the "biggest challenge" to the credibility of the national police force, which is undertaking the anti-drug crackdown.

Last week, police killed another town mayor, Samsudin Dimaukon, and nine of his men, allegedly in a gunbattle, in the southern Philippines.

Espinosa and Dimaukon were among more than 160 officials named publicly by Duterte in August as part of a shame campaign. Espinosa's son, a suspected drug lord, was arrested in the United Arab Emirates' capital city of Abu Dhabi last month.

After being linked by Duterte to illegal drugs, Espinosa surrendered to the national police chief in August in a nationally televised event. He later was released, but was

arrested last month after being indicted on drug and illegal-possession-of-firearm charges.

Police estimate that more than 3,600 suspected drug dealers and users have been killed since Duterte took office on June 30. Many of those killed in the initial months of the crackdown were poor drug suspects, and police said "high-value targets," including mayors and drug lords, would be their next targets in a new phase of the crackdown that was launched late last month.

The unprecedented crackdown and killings have helped ease crime, but the U.S. and other Western governments, along with human rights watchdogs, have been alarmed and called for an end to the killings. One human rights advocate has called the killings under Duterte a "human rights calamity."



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Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte delivers a speech Oct. 26 at the Philippine Economic Forum in Tokyo. Philippine police killed a town mayor in his jail cell in a purported gunbattle on Saturday.

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OPINION

Will Republicans respect democracy?

Washington Post editorial

The big question after Tuesday's election will not be whether Obamacare is repealed, Social Security expanded or the Ryan budget passed. It will be whether the nation's leaders act to preserve our republic—or hasten a descent toward a banana republic.

Their first priority must be preserving and restoring the country's democratic institutions and culture. The new president must advance an agenda and tone consistent with the goal of cultivating national unity. But it is just as important that Congress be open to—and seek—the same. That means looking for compromises where they are still possible, staffing the government in an orderly way and slowly rebuilding trust between the country's disparate factions.

Unfortunately, many congressional Republicans appear set on making an already corrosive atmosphere in Washington even more toxic. Rep. Jason Chaffetz, Utah, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, promised to move the country in years of investigations if Hillary Clinton wins. Sen. Ted Cruz, Texas, raised the possibility that Republicans would block any Clinton Supreme Court nominee. Now Republicans are brazenly and irresponsibly discussing the true nuclear option: impeachment.

"Assuming she wins and the investigation goes forward and it looks like an indictment is pending, at that point in time under the Constitution, the House of Representatives would engage in an impeachment trial," Rep. Michael McCaul, Texas, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said last week. "All options are definitely on the table." Rep. Trent Franks, Arizona, chairman of a Judiciary subcommittee, said when The Washington Post asked him about impeachment: "I would say yes, high crime or misdemeanor," Sen. Ron Johnson, Wisconsin, chairman of the Senate Homeland



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, accompanied by singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams, left, greets students in Durham, N.C., on Thursday.

Security and Government Affairs Committee, told a Wisconsin newspaper. Other high-profile Republicans have warned of a "constitutional crisis." When we asked House Speaker Paul Ryan's office about this talk, a spokeswoman replied, "Our only focus right now is on beating Democrats," noting that the speaker would be campaigning with Johnson.

Barring some truly new and explosive revelation, an impeachment drive would ultimately fail. A two-thirds majority of the Senate would not convict, and that outcome would reflect more than just partisanship. This sentence should not need writing: There is no substantiated charge against Clinton that would warrant impeachment, or even talk of impeachment. Despite suggestions otherwise, there is also no imminent indictment against the Democratic

nominee, or any available evidence suggesting that indictment is a realistic possibility. Instead, what the nation has seen over the closing days of this campaign is a party preparing to (mis)use extraordinary congressional powers for despicable political ends.

Factionalism and the naked quest for power are overwhelming the rule of law and essential civic norms. The FBI has become embroiled in a presidential election, with law enforcement agents selectively leaking material in an apparent effort to damage a political candidate who has been neither indicted nor convicted of any crime. Talk of impeaching the next president on trumped-up charges is becoming routine. Republicans must ask themselves if surrendering to their worst political instincts is worth surrendering their country.

The hard lesson: Actions have consequences

By JENNIFER RUBIN

The Washington Post

Cynics say the rich and powerful get away with anything and only the little guys are held accountable. To the contrary, over the past few days, we have been reminded that consequences await all of us.

The Associated Press reported: "Two of (New Jersey Gov. Chris) Christie's former allies were convicted Friday in a plot to close the George Washington Bridge in 2013 to punish a Democratic mayor for not backing Christie's re-election. Christie was not charged in the case, but the trial made the last seven weeks a gauntlet of negative headlines for the governor."

"While Trump's campaign had announced before the verdict that Christie would stump for him on Saturday, they said last Friday that he would not be on the trail Saturday."

Christie will evade criminal prosecution, but his career in politics is over. His future earning power vastly diminished, he will leave office as a punch line (Trump's "manservant") and a failed governor.

Meanwhile, justice was rendered in the libel trial involving Rolling Stone magazine and its reporter, the young star of rape at the University of Virginia. The Washington Post recalled:

"The 10-member jury concluded that the Rolling Stone reporter, Sabrina Rubin Erdely, was responsible for defamation, with actual malice, in the case brought by Nicole Crawford, a U.Va. administrator who oversaw sexual violence cases at the time of the ar-

ticle's publication. The jury also found the magazine and its parent company, Wenner Media, responsible for defaming Eramo, who has said her life's work helping sexual assault victims was devastated as a result of Rolling Stone's article and its aftermath."

Damages have yet to be determined, but a hefty price will be paid and Erdely's career effectively ends in disgrace.

Hillary Clinton set up a private email server, one more instance in which her paranoia and rule-bending got the best of her. She and her husband set up their foundation to do good, but also to enrich themselves, pave the way for her presidential run and employ her cronies. She has not been indicted but she has come within a whisker of losing to the worst major-party nominee in history. Her malfeasance, fully exposed, may have cost her any chance of a Democratic majority in the Senate. She will face endless investigations.

Speaking of Trump, he has abused women verbally and otherwise for his entire adult life. He built a presidential campaign on xenophobia, demonizing Mexican immigrants and Muslim-Americans. He normalized egregious racism and misogyny. But here, too, consequences follow. In Nevada, reports The Huffington Post:

"Registered Democrats turned out in force in Nevada's largest counties, providing Clinton a critical boost in a state where polling aggregates show the former secretary of state and GOP nominee Donald Trump within a few points of one another."

"Over 57,000 votes were cast in populous Clark County, a single-day record that propelled Democrats to a statewide ballot edge

larger than they held at the same point in 2012, when President Barack Obama won Nevada by nearly 7 points."

"Turnout was strong throughout the day, and election officials pledged to keep polling places open as long as there were voters in line. At 9 p.m., hundreds were still waiting to vote at a Mexican supermarket in Las Vegas."

Around the country, early voting among Democrats, especially in Arizona and Florida, exceeded all estimates, in large part due to high Hispanic turnout. Meanwhile, female voters, who favor Clinton by large margins, run up the score in early balloting as well. If Trump loses, minority voters and women can take a victory lap. Evidence that his brand has deteriorated in value abound. He'll face a fraud trial in the Trump U case later this month. Like Rolling Stone, he'll face a jury.

Our sense of justice may be offended when powerful miscreants do not suffer the maximum penalty. Trump did win the nomination, but joining the ranks of losers would be a narcissist's worst nightmare. Not everyone gets precisely what he or she deserves in the public's moral calculus, but chickens come home to roost. Financial and career penalties are exacted, egos are demolished, bullies get smacked in the face, and those who are demeaned and abused—in the courtroom and at the ballot box—can find compensation.

No, the rich and powerful do not get away with anything and everything, but it is up to ordinary citizens in juries, in making consumer choices and in voting booths to make sure the consequences are severe.

OPINION

UN forces failing in Africa and elsewhere

A Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial

An outbreak of fighting in the Central African Republic between rival Christian and Muslim militias, in the presence in the country of some 12,000 United Nations and French peacekeeping forces, is further evidence of ineffectuality of that measure in conflicts.

The trouble recently in Bambari, a city in the CAR, constitutes a return to the fighting in that tormented country that has been a problem since 2013. Twenty-five deaths are reported this time. France and the United Nations have, in principle, cooperated to put government and law and order back on track there over the past few years. A president, Faustin Archange Touadera, was elected in February and relative peace has prevailed until now.

In spite of scandals, including sexual abuse of Central Africans by peacekeepers, the presence of international forces is considered to have been a positive influence in the security situation there. How they missed preventing the battle in Bambari is not clear. Such forces have at their disposal aircraft capability, which could have been used to quickly move troops to the provincial town to stand

between the two militias.

The Bambari failure comes on top of a report released Tuesday by U.N.-appointed investigators that chronicles the failure in July of U.N. peacekeepers from China, Ethiopia, India and Nepal in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, to intervene — in spite of having been asked repeatedly and urgently to do so — in a rampage of looting and rape by government soldiers there. The victims in this case included employees of international humanitarian organizations and U.N. staff.

In Haiti, of course, U.N. forces are believed to have introduced a cholera epidemic there, following the 2010 earthquake.

It's too late now for outgoing U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to deal with the problem of useless, even malevolent peacekeepers, but the dilemma is surely a matter that should be at the top of the agenda of the new head of the organization, Antonio Guterres, when he takes office in January.

There is an important role for international peacekeepers, but they aren't playing it well. The United States pays \$2.4 billion, 28 percent of the cost of the U.N.'s peacekeeping function.



JEROME DELAVAR/P

French forces patrol in April 2014 in Sibut, some 140 miles northeast of Bangui, Central African Republic. Allegations of child sexual abuse by French soldiers in the country are among several recent scandals that have highlighted a problem with useless and even malevolent peacekeepers.

Contractor behind study of commissary savings challenged

By TOM PHILLIOTT

Boston Consulting Group, the contractor that raised doubts about 30 percent average shopper savings in commissaries and called traditional "at-cost" pricing inefficient, stands to profit handsomely from the changing nature of the prized shopping benefit, say product manufacturers and suppliers getting squeezed in the process.

After completing a \$1.5 million study of commissaries in 2015, Boston Consulting Group landed several no-bid contracts from Defense Commissary Agency to implement the study's vision of commercial-like stores that will maintain patron savings but will use variable pricing and in-store brands to generate first-time profits to slash taxpayer funding.

One of the BCG contracts, DeCA officials confirmed, gives the company a share of whatever savings are realized as category managers squeeze manufacturers on prices, using scripts written and coached by BCG staff.

Another contract achieved using BCG techniques, which some manufacturers call coercive, are to be used to cut DeCA's \$1.3 billion annual appropriation and to pay BCG, but not to benefit patrons with lower prices on brand products, said Patrick B. Nixon, president of American Logistics Associates, which represents manufacturers, distributors and brokers of products sold in commissaries and exchanges.

Nixon said he makes that claim based on a review of DeCA documents to manufacturers. Nixon is a former director and chief executive officer of DeCA as well as a long-time advocate for preserving military shopping benefits.

Angry manufacturers, meanwhile, are sounding alarms that patrons soon will see favorite brands disappear from commissary shelves and remaining brand names will offer fewer coupons and other promotions as those dollars are applied to leaner product lines by the benefiting BCG.

Among the first products to disappear

MILITARY UPDATE

when current inventories sell out will be Duracell batteries and two top-selling brands of tomato sauces, said industry sources, cautioning that the screening process is just beginning.

"Thanks again for your active participation in this process and for offering cost decreases on your assortment," DeCA wrote one manufacturer in an October notification letter. "However, we need to maximize savings for patrons and taxpayers for DeCA's long-term health, and your competitor's offer is stronger by that measure. As a result, we intend to move forward with your competitor as our exclusive mainline brand."

"Understand," said Thomas Gordy, president of the Armed Forces Marketing Council, "these are top-selling products you see every day on TV," that manufacturers spend "hundreds of millions of dollars every year promoting them. ... And now DeCA is developing lower-tier categories."

"Part of the reason why brands are being taken off the shelf is because they want to make room for the store-brand products, and they only have so many cubic feet of space on store shelves," Gordy added.

A DeCA official told Gordy that the BCG no-bid contracts, valued on their face at roughly \$50 million, were structured also to provide BCG an unrevealed percentage of savings negotiated from manufacturers so that BCG would have "skin in the game" beyond the fixed contract awards.

A Defense Department spokesman confirmed a performance-based contract with BCG compensation tied to savings was generated. Unconfirmed reports put the BCG share as high as 50 percent. DeCA would not release incentive information.

"This type of contract, when effectively applied, aligns incentives between the government and the private sector by requiring the contractor to take on risk for

program success. This ensures that outcomes are fully focused on the best interests of the taxpayer," said the spokesman.

The DOD "is mindful" that transformation plans for commissaries include a requirement to maintain "current levels of patron savings," he said.

Manufacturers are grumbling that BCG employs several former Pentagon executives, including Michele Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy, and Brad Carson, former acting undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. Carson recently had oversight responsibility for military resale operations. He joined BCG last month.

Daniel Werfel, a director on the BCG public-sector team in Washington, serves on the Defense Business Board as an unpaid adviser to the secretary of defense. A BCG spokesman said Werfel has recused himself "from any matters or discussions before the DBB related to military resale."

Some manufacturers criticize even the appearance of a conflict of interest for BCG with DeCA paying for its experience in price negotiations while BCG serves competing manufacturers through separate contracts.

"We have strict internal policies and Chinese walls that ensure our teams are not put in a position to have a conflict of interest," said a BCG spokesman. "Such measures are essential to our business and something we take extremely seriously."

Nixon noted DeCA's long-held claim of shoppers saving an average of 30 percent under the price-setting formula of cost plus a 5 percent surcharge. Those savings were backed by "rock-solid" price comparisons and audits that DeCA directors, including Nixon, defended going back decades.

Neither Congress nor DeCA has verified BCG's claim, using far more limited data, that average savings might be as low as 17 percent. The fear is that DeCA will be pressured to "move the goalposts" on savings so price breaks wrangled from manufacturers can be used to pare its operating

budget and to pay BCG rather than to keep shelf prices low for patrons, Nixon said.

To protect against that, Congress ordered the department by last March to produce a report verifying the level of shopping savings. DeCA called that savings determination "foundational for transformation," said Gordy. "Yet here we are in November, eight months beyond the deadline, and we still don't know what real savings are" as product assortment shifts.

Manufacturers and shopper advocates also warned Congress and the DOD not to proceed with transformation until the Government Accountability Office could review planned reforms and goals. The draft GAO report now circulating is critical of assumptions embraced by the DOD on commissary savings and patron satisfaction, saying no real metrics exist to track them.

"DOD's report states that it expects to achieve an estimated \$2 billion in reductions over a five-year period (through 2021). However, the report does not include any assumptions, a methodology or specific timeframes related to cost-savings initiatives that would lead to the \$2 billion savings."

Defense officials conceded to the GAO that their estimate was "arbitrary" and they did not develop details on the steps they would take to achieve \$2 billion in savings, the GAO reported. That leaves decision makers unable to "evaluate the effectiveness of DOD's efforts in achieving cost savings without reducing patron benefits."

Nixon called on Congress to "put a halt on moving forward with these changes until key questions raised by GAO have been answered" and details of the BCG contract and how it affects patrons are studied. Otherwise, he predicted "a dramatic blow to patron confidence about the benefit."

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Police rescue fleeing man from badger hole

OR ONTARIO — An Oregon man who evaded police for hours was captured after he fell into a large badger hole.

State police Capt. Bill Fugate said two men and a dog went onto U.S. Bureau of Land Management land after fleeing from a traffic stop in Ontario. One suspect later was found on foot.

Police eventually saw the vehicle in a ravine. Tracks were followed for more than a mile before the dog was spotted.

As police approached, the dog fled into the badger hole and would not come out. After getting the dog out, police heard the suspect screaming.

Fugate said Gregory Morrow was stuck 8 feet underground and could not move. It took police 90 minutes to dig him out and to arrest him.

Fugate said Morrow likely would have died from exposure if police had not come along.

Police: Woman forced son, 11, to walk nude

GA MARIETTA — A Cobb County woman was arrested after she allegedly forced her 11-year-old son to walk nude through his school parking lot.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Joyce Cole, of Smyrna, is free after posting \$5,720 bond. According to jail records, Cole faces charges of first-degree child cruelty, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and simple battery for slapping the child as he walked.

Authorities said Cole forced her son to strip at the entrance of Norton Park Elementary and to walk to her car on Halloween morning. According to the arrest warrant, she told her son she was "going to embarrass him in front of people" if he "got in trouble at school again."

Police said the boy and his two siblings are no longer in their mother's care.

Woman gets life for killing officer boyfriend

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A Broward County woman who killed her police officer boyfriend when he discovered she made up a story about being pregnant will serve life in prison.

Tiniko Thompson was sentenced Friday after being convicted of second-degree murder in the May 2014 shooting death of Miami police officer Carl Patrick, 53.

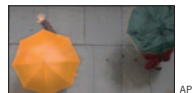
The Sun Sentinel of South Florida reported that Thompson moved in with Patrick after making up a story that she was pregnant. Patrick then tried to break off the relationship several months later when it became obvious she wasn't pregnant.

Prosecutors said Thompson, 48, shot Patrick, wrapped him in a blanket, took his cellphone and left their home, leaving him to die.

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The number of days of rain in San Francisco in October, which forecasters said were the most in a single month in more than a century. The San Francisco Chronicle reported the city's October record of 13 rainy days occurred in 1889, and that the 2.43 inches of precipitation last month was more than double the total from a year earlier.



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Picking a winner

Sixth-graders cast their votes Friday in a mock presidential election during their lunch period at Alton Middle School in Alton, Ill. The votes will be tabulated this week.

Police: Mayor keeps driving without license

OH PUT-IN-BAY — Police in Ohio said the mayor on a resort island in Lake Erie has been stopped for a third time this year for driving without a license.

Put-In-Bay police said officers cited Mayor Mack McCann, 80, last week while he was operating a "motorized bicycle."

McCann was warned this past summer for driving without a license and then was cited with the same offense a few days later in July.

Police said they have been giving the mayor rides when he calls as long as officers aren't busy.

Pregnant woman accused of shoplifting

NM SANTA FE — A pregnant woman said she was humiliated at a Santa Fe Wal-Mart after an employee suspected her of shoplifting.

Patricia Pautke told Albuquerque's KOBJ-TV on Friday that she was stopped by an employee

as she was leaving the store on Halloween.

According to Pautke, the male worker made her lift up her clothing in front of other employees and customers to prove she wasn't hiding any merchandise.

Pautke filed a police report last week and has since received an apology from a manager.

In a statement, Wal-Mart said it is looking into the incident and will take appropriate action.

Schoolteacher accused of selling steroids

AL ALBERTVILLE — A science teacher at an Alabama high school has been arrested on suspicion of selling steroids to undercover narcotics agents.

WAVY-TV reported Marshall County investigators arrested Albertville High School teacher David Darden on Thursday on seven counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance.

He was absent from school on Friday.

Albertville City Schools Super-

intendent Ric Ayer said it is his understanding that no students were involved.

Darden was released on \$150,000 bond Thursday night from the Marshall County Jail.

Deputy saves girl, grandmother from lake

FL NORTH LAUDERDALE — An off-duty Broward Sheriff's deputy jumped into a lake outside his home near Fort Lauderdale to rescue a toddler and her 72-year-old grandmother.

Vincent Graham told the Sun-Sentinel he was relaxing at home before heading to work as a detention deputy on Tuesday when his wife, Patricia, screamed He dashed out and saw the child's head emerge from the water.

Graham said he grabbed the child with one hand and handed her to his wife. He used the other hand to feel under the water for Jacqueline Agard.

The pair were taken to a hospital as a precaution.

Agard told deputies that the girl ran after the family's cat and jumped into the water. Agard

jumped in after the girl but said she lacked the strength to get them both back to shore.

City uses toilet paper to repair cracked roads

CO LITTLETON — It's not pranksters or vandals who placed toilet paper all over the streets of Littleton; it was city workers.

The Denver Post reported that Littleton crews have used bathroom tissue to help seal up cracks along more than 120 streets.

Officials said toilet paper was applied with a paint roller over freshly laid tar used to fill asphalt cracks.

The paper absorbs the oil from the tar as it dries, keeping it from sticking to pedestrian's shoes or car and bike tires. The biodegradable paper will break down and will be gone in a few days.

Littleton spokeswoman Kelli Narde said the toilet paper allows traffic to retake the road more quickly.

From wire reports

FACES



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Andrew Garfield is real-life soldier Desmond Doss in the film "Hacksaw Ridge." Garfield carried a prop of a Bible like the real one Doss carried during World War II. "For me, with a man like Desmond, I don't think I could have gone too far in terms of getting to know who he was," Garfield says.

Inside a hero's mind

Prop, visit helps actor portray real-life World War II soldier

BY RICK BENTLEY
The Fresno Bee

There is a line. Actors playing roles based on real people do mountains of research to make sure they are staying as close to reality as possible. At the same time, there are small pieces of the performance that actors guard with the tenacity of a child with a bag of Halloween candy where the work can be made their own.

Those parts are the bits and pieces of their own life that they layer on top of the research to build what should be a performance that is entertaining while also maintaining the truth. Mix too much or too little of either, and the work suffers.

Andrew Garfield faced that dilemma in playing Private Desmond T. Doss in the Mel Gibson-directed film "Hacksaw Ridge." Doss was a real-life conscientious objector during World War II who saved 75 wounded men.

As part of his research, Garfield traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn., to visit

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the last home Doss lived in before he died in 2006. The actor wanted to walk where Doss walked. He wanted to handle the tools he handled. All the time, Garfield had to keep in mind how the research would affect his performance.

"For me, with a man like Desmond, I don't think I could have gone too far in terms of getting to know who he was," Garfield says. "But it can't be an impression of him. That doesn't interest me."

"There are certain things that are wonderful as resources you get to mimic. But then there is the other part of the alchemy process in making the character you."

Garfield explains that it is like the difference between slipping on clothes or slipping into someone's skin. Until he goes

deep inside a role based on a real person, he doesn't feel he's done the work justice. And it's not until he fully understands the character that Garfield feels confident he can do the things asked of the role in the script without hesitation or thought.

Doss is certainly the kind of man deserving of the utmost respect. His actions during World War II made him the first conscientious objector to be presented with the Medal of Honor.

Garfield got a little help with the process through a small prop — a Bible like the one the real Doss carried. It not only represented the character's devout faith but inside was a photo of Dorothy (Teresa Palmer), the woman he left back home.

"I think it was really important that it wasn't just a Bible but a representation of Dorothy and a representation of his heart and his duty in the war," Garfield says. "His duty was not to be the killer but to offer up a different form of the masculine."

Garfield says Doss' nurture and healing nature was "unique to the culture he was in," but they also serve as "reminders of what he's made of."

Actress pens essay promising intolerance for gender bias

Associated Press

Mila Kunis says in a new essay that anytime she experiences gender bias at work, she's going to speak up about it.

The 33-year-old actress-producer says in the essay published on the Medium website Nov. 3 that women have been conditioned to believe that their livelihoods might be threatened if they speak out against sexist behavior.

She says a producer once told her she'd "never work in this town again" when she refused to pose "semi-naked" for a men's magazine to promote a film.

More recently, she says, another producer described her in a business email as "One of the biggest actors in Hollywood and soon to be Ashton's wife and baby momma!!!"

Kunis, who is expecting her second child with husband Ashton Kutcher, said the comment "reduced my value to nothing more than my relationship to a successful man and my ability to bear children." She pulled out of the project. She characterized the remark as one of the "micro-aggressions that devalue the contributions and worth of hard working women" and promised not to stand for it anymore.

Kunis writes that she is "fortunate that I have reached a place that I can stop compromising and stand my ground, without fearing how I will put food on my table."

Hart among Ebony honorees

Beyonce, Serena Williams, Colin Kaepernick and Kevin Hart are among 100 black leaders being recognized by Ebony magazine.

The magazine revealed its annual Power 100 list Nov. 4, which recognizes outstanding achievements by black entertainers, corporate heads and civic leaders. Also on the list are Chance the Rapper, NBA star Carmelo Anthony and Nike brand president Trevor Edwards.

The 2016 Power 100 list will appear in the December issue of Ebony, which will feature four different covers. Filmmaker Ava DuVernay, Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles and musician-producers John Legend and Nas will each appear on the cover of the December issue.

Other news

■ The Oscars finally have their producers: Michael De Luca and Jennifer Todd will produce the **89th Academy Awards**. The announcement was made Friday by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

■ **Michael Buble** said Nov. 4 that his 3-year-old son, Noah, has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment in the U.S.

■ Eight-time Golden Globe winner **Meryl Streep** will add one more award at this year's Globes: the Cecil B. DeMille Award. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced Nov. 3 that Streep, 67, will receive the honor.

■ During an appearance on "Conan" on Nov. 2, **Ryan Reynolds** confirmed that he's now the father of two girls, quipping that there's "a lot of estrogen" in his house. The baby was born in September and her name still hasn't been made public. She joins big sister, James, who will be two next month.

Aubrey Plaza says she almost had Vegas wedding

Aubrey Plaza says she almost married her "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" co-star Michael Cera in Las Vegas.

The actress tells RuPaul's "What's the Tee?" podcast that she and Cera took a road trip from Chicago to Los Angeles and came close to tying the knot in Sin City.

She says they dated for a

year and a half and still love each other.

She describes the soft-spoken Cera as "a weird little freak" and "one of the funniest people" she knows.

The star told The Advocate magazine earlier this year that she falls in love with both men and women.

The Associated Press



Aubrey Plaza
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SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

BY JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
Associated Press

Two wildlife issues have collided in Hawaii, pitting one group of animal defenders against another in an impassioned debate. The point of contention? Deadly cat poop and the feral felines that produce it.

Federal researchers believe feces from the legions of feral cats roaming Hawaii is spreading a disease that is killing Hawaiian monk seals, some of the world's most endangered marine mammals.

Some conservationists advocate euthanizing those cats that no one wants, and that's got cat lovers up in arms.

"It's a very difficult, emotional issue," said state Sen. Mike Gabbard, chairman of a committee that earlier this year heard and then abandoned a proposal to ban the feeding of feral cats on state land after an outcry. "It struck a nerve in our community."

The problem stems from a parasite common in cats that can cause toxoplasmosis, a disease that killed at least five female Hawaiian monk seals and three males since 2001, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"While eight seals may not sound like a lot of animals, it actually has pretty large ramifications for an endangered population where there's only about 1,300 seals in existence at this point in time," said Michelle Barbieri, veterinary medical officer for NOAA's Hawaiian monk seal research program.

Scientists believe monk seals become exposed to toxoplasmosis by ingesting contaminated water or prey.

Felines are the only animals that can shed *Toxoplasma gondii* eggs, or oocysts. The parasites enter their digestive tract through infected prey, then multiply in the small intestine and produce the eggs. Outdoor cats excrete the eggs in their feces, which researchers say washes into the ocean.

The eggs accumulate in invertebrates that live along the sea floor,

DEADLY DOOKY

Feces fuels Hawaii feral feline debate

where monk seals often feed. They can survive in fresh water, saltwater and soil for up to two years.

Any warm-blooded animal can become infected. California sea otters have died from toxoplasmosis, and it's one of the major reasons the Hawaiian

crow, alala, is extinct in the wild. Toxoplasmosis is rarely problematic for people with healthy immune systems, but it's why doctors advise pregnant women not to handle cat litter.

Many cities struggle with feral cats, but the problem is particularly acute in Hawaii because of its sensitive ecosystem and at-risk native species, experts say. Only two mammals are native to Hawaii: the hoary bat and the Hawaiian monk seal.

"Everything else here — deer, sheep, goats, cats, mongoose — they're all invasive, they're all introduced," said Angela Amlin, NOAA's acting Hawaiian monk seal recovery coordinator, adding that cats have no predators in Hawaii to control their population.

Marketing research commissioned by the Hawaiian Humane Society in 2015 estimated some 300,000 feral cats roam Oahu alone.

Marine debris, climate change, predation and human interaction all threaten the survival of Hawaiian monk seals. But feral cats present their greatest disease concern, Amlin said.

"As conservationists, what we really have to look at is this is what Hawaii's native ecosystem includes, and cats are, unfortunately, not part of that," Amlin said. "When it comes to the feral cat population, there should be a program in place to bring in these animals, adopt the ones that are adoptable and humanely euthanize those that are not."

Others take offense to that notion.

Classifying animals with labels such as native and invasive creates a "hierarchy in which the protection of certain animals comes at the suffering of others," Hawaiian Humane Society President and CEO Pamela Burns wrote in a letter opposing the state Senate bill that would have banned cat feeding on state land. She contended the 300,000 figure overstates the problem because the study looked at how many cats people were feeding and might have missed instances where multiple people fed the same outdoor cat.

Those who care for stray cats advocate trapping, neutering and spaying to help control their population.

The University of Hawaii's Manoa campus, in Honolulu, started a feral cat management program — with authorized feeders trained in tasks like trapping and feces disposal — after the stench and mess from hundreds of cats prompted complaints, especially when children at a campus day care center got flea bites, said Roxanne Adams, director of buildings and grounds.

The program started in 2011 and appears to have reduced the number of felines, she said.

Euthanizing cats is unacceptable unless they're extremely sick, said Alicia Maluafti, board president of animal welfare group Poi Dogs and Popoki.

"I totally disagree with the ... generalization that cat people Maluafti said. "What we just don't advocate is the wholesale killing, the extermination, of one species ... for [another]."

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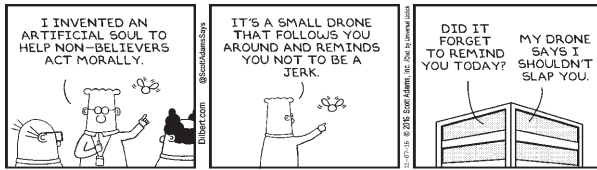
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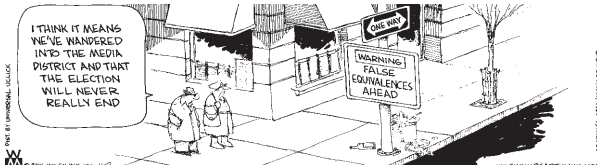
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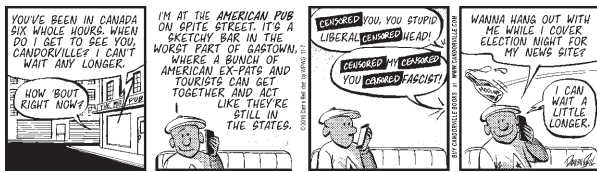
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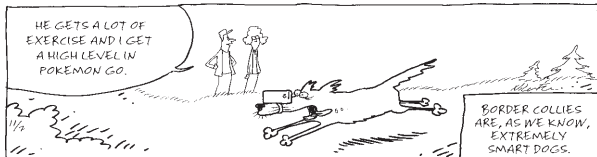
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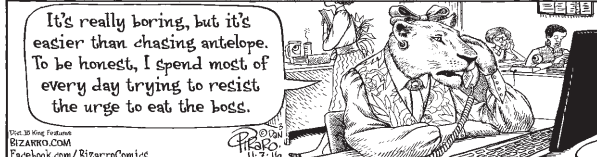
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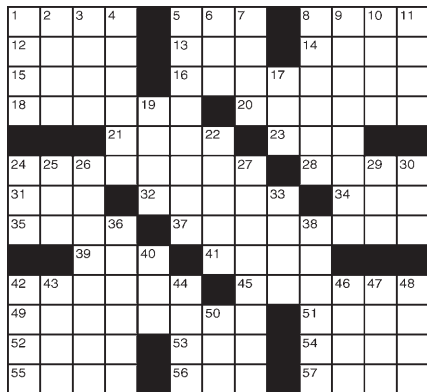
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ACROSS

- 1 Elec. power letters
- 5 Science room
- 8 "Ditto"
- 12 Matador's foe
- 13 Carte lead-in
- 14 Battery fluid
- 15 Singer Anita
- 16 "Honest Abe" or "Old Hickory"
- 18 "Heavens!"
- 20 Concealed
- 21 Bean curd
- 23 Three, in Rome
- 24 Spy's moniker
- 28 Prayer ender
- 31 Football filler
- 32 Wanted-poster info
- 34 —de-France
- 35 Jack Horner's prize
- 37 Smith or Jones
- 39 May honoree
- 41 Narc's measure
- 42 Hearty
- 45 Prestigious prizes
- 49 Logon need
- 51 Margarine
- 52 Clair
- 53 Vegas opener
- 54 Conked out
- 55 Specks

DOWN

- 6 Decks in the ring
- 7 Talks nonstop
- 11 Teensy bit
- 2 Buffalo Bill
- 3 Sketch
- 4 Road Runner's foe
- 5 End of a sea voyage
- 6 "The Greatest"
- 7 "Coffee Cantata" composer
- 8 Actress Bullock
- 9 College life
- 10 Charades player
- 11 Paradise
- 17 DIY buy
- 19 Barrett or Jaffe
- 22 Inuit boat
- 24 Upper limit
- 25 Tin Man's need
- 26 Percussionist's sound
- 27 Facility
- 29 Shade tree
- 30 Born
- 33 Normandy battle site
- 36 Grieves
- 38 VIP's opposite
- 40 ISP choice
- 42 Regretted
- 43 Norway's capital
- 44 Chat
- 46 Director Kazan
- 47 Onion's kin
- 48 Lays down the lawn
- 50 Chinese chairman

Answer to Previous Puzzle



11-7

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptquip: WHEN A SEDUCTRESS OR TEMPTRESS IS VERY ANGRY, WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL HER WRATH? VAMP IRE.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals F

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Americans' outlook remains gloomy

By Michael McKee
and Jeanna Smialek
Bloomberg

Companies are hiring, paychecks are growing, and Americans are still feeling pretty lousy about the direction of the country, a dichotomy that's revealed itself anew in the waning days of a contentious presidential campaign.

The U.S. has added 1.8 million jobs so far this year and at 4.9 percent, unemployment is less than half of its 2009 peak, a Labor Department report showed Friday. Wages picked up by the most since 2009 on a year-over-year basis. Even so, Americans continue to see the nation going downhill: 63 percent say it's on the wrong track, based on the latest Real Clear Politics average.

The contrast between the general feeling of malaise and solid economic data has a few possible explanations. Right-track-wrong-track questions are ambiguous and can reflect shifts in the politi-

cal climate in addition to economic trends, said Alan Blinder, a Princeton University economist. And while individuals' financial situations may be improving, political rhetoric serves as a reminder that hedges haven't been shared evenly or could be a lot stronger.

"A lot of it comes down to discourse," said Megan Greene, chief economist at Manulife Asset Management in Boston. "If you have populist politicians out there telling you that your country isn't going in the right direction, and there are people to blame, I think that leads to a lot of negative sentiment among the population."

How Americans feel about the nation is particularly relevant now. Early voters are already casting ballots for either Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump as their next president. Voters rank the economy among the most important issues.

"In the aggregate, the economy's fine," said Ellen Zentner, chief U.S. economist at Morgan

Stanley in New York. "That's an environment that typically supports the incumbent party."

This year, however, it's been harder for Clinton to make that case. The race is tightening even though consumer confidence increased last week to the highest in more than two months, according to the weekly Bloomberg Consumer Comfort Index. People felt better about their personal finances and the buying climate, and views on the economy are at their brightest since January.

Even with slow growth, the economy has been creating an average 181,000 jobs a month this year, and jobless claims are near a four-decade low. Unemployment is below 5 percent in the battleground states of Ohio, North Carolina and Florida. Last week, the government reported the economy expanded at a 2.9 percent annual rate in the third quarter, dispelling Trump's claim that America "is dying at 1 percent GDP."

Campaigning in Pittsburgh, Clinton praised Friday's jobs report as a sign of an economy "poised to really take off and thrive," while the Trump campaign called the October employment report "disastrous."

"These national polls, conducted in a political context, are not referenda on the economy," according to Princeton's Blinder.

"The economic indicators look good, but you have the propaganda machine of one of the two major candidates saying how bad things are," said Blinder, who has advised the Clinton campaign.

On the other side, the Clinton machine has been loath to brag about the state of the economy."

Trump is highlighting the fact that growth has been steady but sub-par for years, and the benefits haven't been fairly spread. So far in 2016, GDP has grown 1.7 percent per quarter on average, half the 3.4 percent quarterly growth rate the nation enjoyed during the 1990s.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 7)	\$1.1377
Dollar buys (Nov. 7)	\$1.2584
British pound (Nov. 7)	\$1.28
Japanese yen (Nov. 7)	\$101.00
South Korean won (Nov. 7)	\$1,116.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
China (Yuan)	6.7572
Canada (Dollar)	1.3411
Denmark (Krone)	6.8908
Egypt (Pound)	15.5674
Euro	\$1.1177/89
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7563
Hungary (Forint)	275.05
Israel (Sheqel)	3.7539
Japan (Yen)	103.13
Kuwait (Dinar)	4.454
Norway (Krone)	8.1705
Philippines (Peso)	48.54
Poland (Zloty)	3.89
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7506
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3835
South Korea (Won)	1,141.68
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9701
Thailand (Baht)	34.97
Turkey (New Lira)	3.1597
Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-military currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates priced for reference with bank currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.50
Discount rate	4.00
Federal funds market rate	0.36
3-month Treasury bill	0.36
3-year bond	2.56

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	70	58	Cir	Chattanooga	75	46	Cir	Fort Wayne	66	43	Cir	Louisville	72	45	Cir	Pocatello	58	32	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	65	39	Cir	Cheyenne	58	38	Cir	Fresno	75	54	Cir	Lubbock	69	53	Cir	Portland, Maine	49	32	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	54	29	Cir	Chicago	64	46	Cir	Goodland	65	42	Cir	Macon	76	43	Cir	Portland, Ore.	62	50	Cir
Albuquerque	66	45	PCldy	Cincinnati	58	43	Cir	Grand Junction	65	40	Cir	Madison	62	42	Cir	Providence	62	42	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	58	33	Cir	Cleveland	66	45	Cir	Grand Rapids	64	46	Cir	Medford	65	44	PCldy	Pueblo	67	40	PCldy
Anchorage	35	25	Cir	Colorado Springs	61	40	PCldy	Great Falls	56	35	PCldy	Memophis	75	53	PCldy	Rapid City	65	43	PCldy
Asheville	67	39	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	74	42	Cir	Green Bay	66	43	Cir	Miami Beach	82	61	Cir	Reno	67	36	PCldy
Atlanta	72	48	PCldy	Columbus, Ga.	76	50	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	66	43	Cir	Midland-Odesa	73	56	PCldy	Richmond	68	43	Cir
Atlantic City	57	40	Cir	Columbus, Ohio	69	41	Cir	Hartford	58	37	Cir	Milwaukee	61	45	Cir	Rochester	60	35	Cir
Austin	75	48	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	50	28	Cir	Hartford Spring	54	28	Cir	Minneapolis	61	47	Cir	Rockford	64	42	Cir
Baltimore	58	40	Cir	Corpus Christi	81	70	Cir	Helena	54	31	PCldy	Missoula	48	30	Cir	Sacramento	70	53	PCldy
Baton Rouge	76	59	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	69	61	Rain	Honolulu	81	70	Cir	Mobile	67	57	Cir	St. Louis	74	48	PCldy
Bilings	38	39	Cir	Dayton	67	44	Cir	Houston	75	66	Rain	Montgomery	79	52	PCldy	St. Thomas	85	77	Cir
Birmingham	77	51	PCldy	Denver	80	64	Cir	Huntsville	75	47	PCldy	Nashville	76	49	PCldy	Salt Lake City	62	42	Cir
Bismarck	58	44	PCldy	Des Moines	64	42	Cir	Indianapolis	66	45	Cir	New Orleans	78	65	Rain	San Diego	72	60	PCldy
Boise	61	43	Cir	Detroit	63	43	Cir	Jacksonville	77	58	Cir	New York City	55	41	Cir	San Francisco	69	56	PCldy
Boston	50	37	Cir	El Paso	75	54	Cir	Kansas City	62	45	Cir	Newark	56	40	PCldy	Seattle	74	53	PCldy
Bridgeport	50	37	Cir	Elkins	64	34	Cir	Key West	73	54	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	60	49	PCldy	Seattle	74	53	PCldy
Brownsville	55	31	Cir	Erie	62	42	Cir	Knoxville	73	44	Cir	North Platte	65	48	Cir	Sioux Falls	62	35	Cir
Buffalo	61	37	Cir	Eugene	63	47	Cir	Lake Charles	76	64	Rain	Omaha	62	48	Cir	Spokane	69	42	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	51	31	PCldy	Evansville	67	43	Cir	Lansing	64	45	Cir	Orlando	81	63	PCldy	St. Paul	65	45	Cir
Caribou, Maine	45	27	Cir	Fairbanks	17	4	Cir	Las Vegas	79	58	Cir	Pendleton	61	42	PCldy	St. Peter	60	45	Cir
Charleston, S.C.	78	48	Cir	Fargo	60	51	PCldy	Lexington	69	44	Cir	Philadelphia	58	41	Cir	St. Rose	60	45	Cir
Charleston, W. Va.	69	40	Cir	Flagstaff	61	33	Cir	Lincoln	62	50	Cir	Phoenix	66	62	Cir	St. Thomas	76	49	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	70	42	Cir	Fort Smith	68	55	Rain	Little Rock	72	52	Cir	Pittsburgh	62	37	Cir	Seattle	64	49	Cir
							Los Angeles	79	58	PCldy						Shreveport	73	59	Cir


National temperature extremes
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Lo: Sat., 10, Mount Washington, N.H.

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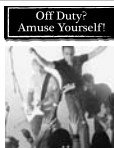
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Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200 laps.
13.24 rating, 0 points.
2. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200, 144.8.

O'Reilly Auto Parts
1. (9) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 200.

114.1, 0.
2. (2) Erik Jones, Toyota, 200, 118.3, 38.

5. (4) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200, 109.6.

36. (8) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200.

102.6, 35.
7. (7) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200.

10. (6) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 200.

95.6, 34.
9. (3) Matt Tiff, Toyota, 200, 96.1, 0.

10. (6) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200.

95.8, 31.
11. (8) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 200.

85.7, 30.
13. (3) Ryan Reed, Ford, 200, 86.8, 29.

13. (14) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 200, 82.5.

28. (12) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 200.

81.7, 27.
16. (6) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 200.

77.7, 26.
17. (7) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 84.4.

12. (10) J. J. Yeley, Toyota, 200, 73.3, 24.

28. (2) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 199.

67.4, 23.
11. (1) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 199.

71.8, 22.
10. (19) Dakota Armstrong, Toyota, 199.

63.1, 21.
28. (28) B. Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 198.

63.0, 20.
25. (25) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 198.

64.1, 19.
23. (23) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 196, 57.3.

17. (24) David Starr, Chevrolet, 196.

57.7, 17.
27. (27) Garrett Smithley, Ford, 196, 49.2, 15.

27. (24) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, 194.

51.1, 14.
36. (36) B. McLeod, Ford, 193, 49.8, 13.

29. (29) Austin Thieriault, Ford, 192.

43.0, 13.
30. (30) Martin Roy, Chevrolet, 190.

43.3, 11.
34. (34) Joe Gase, Chevrolet, 190, 41.3.

37. (37) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 185, 37.0.

33. (38) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 185, 35.2.

34. (40) Matt Walton, Chevrolet, 184.

37. (37) Brandon Lightfoot, Toyota, engine, 130, 31.5, 6.

36. (22) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, accident, 129, 52.3, 0.

37. (32) Dexter Stacey, Chevrolet, handling, 80, 34.4, 0.

38. (38) Timmy Hill, Dodge, suspension, 24, 27.3, 0.

33. (33) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, handling, 19, 29.7, 2.

40. (11) Jeff Green, Toyota, brakes, 1, 23.2, 1.

Speed Statistics
Average Speed Race Winner: 140.995 mph.

Time of Race: 2 hours, 7 minutes, 40 seconds.

Margin of Victory: 0.385 seconds.

Caution Flags: 5 for 22 laps.

Lead Changes: 5 among 4 drivers.

Top Leaders: B. Keselowski, 4; E. Jones, 1-23; B. Keselowski, 24-48; B. Poole, 49-50.

Leaders Summary: O'Reilly, Times Led.

Laps Led: B. Keselowski, 3 times for 143 laps; K. Larson, 1 time for 29 laps; E. Jones, 1 time for 22 laps; B. Poole, 1 time for 1 lap.

Wins: E. Jones, 4; E. Sadler, 3; A. Dillon, 2; D. Suarez, 2; K. Larson, 1.

Top 10 in Points: 1. E. Sadler, 3039; 2. D. Suarez, 3039; 3. B. Koch, 3032; 4. J. Allgaier, 3027; 5. E. Jones, 3027; 6. R. Reed, 3025; 7. B. Gaughan, 3018; 8. D. Wallace, 3015.

A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top 15 Finishes, Average Running Position, Lead on a Lap, Lap Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, White Flag Finish.

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
	East					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	1	0	.875	217	132
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	212	172
Miami	3	4	0	.429	146	159
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	150	208
	South					

Houston	5	3	0	.625	137	167
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	182	183
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	208	230
Jacksonville	2	5	0	.286	139	196
North						
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	170	150
Cincinnati	3	4	1	.438	167	189
Baltimore	3	4	0	.429	133	139

Cleveland	0	8	0	.000	158	238
	West					
Denver	6	2	0	.750	194	136
Oakland	6	2	0	.750	215	203
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	166	137
San Diego	3	5	0	.375	225	212
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						

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	East					
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	188	130
N.Y. Giants	4	3	0	.571	133	141
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	179	117
Washington	4	3	1	.563	186	189
	South					

Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	305	259
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	201	215
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	180	232
Carolina	2	5	0	.286	191	196
North						
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	139	104
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	172	156

Green Bay	4	3	0	.371	172	136
Detroit	4	4	0	.500	183	190
Chicago	2	6	0	.250	131	179
West						
Seattle	4	2	1	.643	131	109
Arizona	3	4	1	.438	179	140
Los Angeles	3	4	0	.429	120	154

San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	144	219
Thursday's game						
Atlanta	43	Tampa Bay	28			
Sunday's games						
Dallas	at Cleveland					
N.Y. Jets	at Miami					
Philadelphia	at N.Y. Giants					

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants
Jacksonville at Kansas City
Detroit at Minnesota
Pittsburgh at Baltimore
New Orleans at San Francisco
Carolina at Los Angeles
Tennessee at San Diego

Indianapolis at Green Bay
 Denver at Oakland
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Monday's game
 Buffalo at Seattle
Thursday, Nov. 10

Cleveland at Baltimore
Sunday, Nov. 13
 Atlanta at Philadelphia
 Denver at New Orleans
 Houston at Jacksonville
 Los Angeles at N.Y. Jets
 Kansas City at Carolina

NFL	Midwest <td>Adrian 5, Bowling Green 1</td> <td>7:00 p.m.</td>	Adrian 5, Bowling Green 1	7:00 p.m.
Michigan St. 2, Lake Superior St. 1	1:00 p.m.		
Michigan Tech 5, Michigan St. 1	1:00 p.m.		
Minnesota 2, North Dakota 0	1:00 p.m.		
Omaha 6, Colorado College 0	1:00 p.m.		
Minn.-Duluth 5, St. Cloud 3	1:00 p.m.		
W. Michigan 5, Miami (Ohio) 2	1:00 p.m.		
Wisconsin 2, N. Michigan 0	1:00 p.m.		

NFL	Pro soccer <td>Al Force 3, Army 1</td> <td>7:00 p.m.</td>	Al Force 3, Army 1	7:00 p.m.
U.S. Marine 3, Boston U. 0	1:00 p.m.		
Clarkson at Princeton 2	1:00 p.m.		
Dartmouth 2, Colgate 0	1:00 p.m.		
Harvard 4, Cornell 3	1:00 p.m.		
Stanford College 3, Maine 2	1:00 p.m.		
New Hampshire 3, Mercyhurst 0	1:00 p.m.		
O'Leary 2, Providence 2	1:00 p.m.		
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Michigan Tech 5, Michigan St. 1	1:00 p.m.		
Minnesota 2, North Dakota 0	1:00 p.m.		
Omaha 6, Colorado College 0	1:00 p.m.		
Minn.-Duluth 5, St. Cloud 3	1:00 p.m.		
W. Michigan 5, Miami (Ohio) 2	1:00 p.m.		
Wisconsin 2, N. Michigan 0	1:00 p.m.		

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Golf

Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

PGA TOUR	Saturday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Third Round	

PGA TOUR	Sunday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Fourth Round	

PGA TOUR	Monday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Fifth Round	

PGA TOUR	Tuesday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Sixth Round	

PGA TOUR	Wednesday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Seventh Round	

PGA TOUR	Thursday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Eighth Round	

PGA TOUR	Friday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Ninth Round	

PGA TOUR	Saturday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Tenth Round	

PGA TOUR	Sunday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Eleventh Round	

PGA TOUR	Monday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Twelfth Round	

PGA TOUR	Tuesday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Thirteenth Round	

PGA TOUR	Wednesday	At TPC Summerlin Las Vegas	7:00 p.m.
Purse: \$5.5 million	Yardage: 7,255; Par: 71	Fourteenth Round	

HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE VOLLEYBALL

Stuttgart repeats

Panthers top rival Ramstein in three-set rematch

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The highly-anticipated rematch of Stuttgart and Ramstein in this year's European Division I girls' volleyball tournament Saturday lived up to its billing, even if it didn't go the distance it did last year.

In 2015, the two archrivals played in the semifinals that ended with a dramatic five-set Stuttgart victory.

This time, in the title match before a very vocal Royals' home crowd in Vogelweh gym, the defending champion Panthers beat Ramstein in three straight sets, 25-18, 25-19, 25-23.

Ramstein kept things interesting with a late, third-set surge but in the end, couldn't counter Stuttgart's powerful outside hitters Peyton Burnett and Bella Brandt, who had plenty of help from middle hitter Meadua Cunningham and senior setter Alexa Smith. Rounding out Stuttgart's many weapons was senior Janey Greenberg, who was tireless on defense and just about everywhere on the court as the team's libero.

Greenberg, who was named the tournament's Division I Most Valuable Player, had 34 digs, including a few diving saves to keep the ball in play.

"This team was the best team I've ever played for," said Greenberg, who's played at Stuttgart for four years.

Defeating Ramstein in the finals capped a spectacular season that saw the Panthers go undefeated.

"Beating them in three (sets) was just completely unexpected for us," Greenberg said. "We really were expecting a really, really tough, long match."

Despite being down two sets and behind in the third, the Royals didn't give up, digging themselves out of several holes, even as the Panthers closed in on the victory.

Behind 11-4, Ramstein chipped away to nearly even the score at 15-14, before falling behind again, 21-15.

The Royals closed in again and looked as if they might wrest the game away when Ramstein's Kaitlyn Daniels blocked a Stuttgart spike, making the score 24-22. The home crowd went wild when Ramstein's Emily DeRosa nailed an ace on the next play. But Stuttgart's Burnett silenced the crowd and ended the game with a kill in an open lane in the Royals' court.

Burnett, named All-Tournament while playing for her first European volleyball championship after transferring from Alabama, said the team tried to drown out the home crowd.

Rubino called a time out after it looked like Ramstein might steal the momentum and said he simply told his team: "It's your season. Go get it, go finish it up."

Rubino said this year's squad was "the most well-balanced team" he's ever had.



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Stuttgart celebrates its 25-18, 25-19, 25-23 win over Ramstein in the Division I final at the DODEA Europe volleyball championships in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Saturday.

"Having hitters all over, middles that were really strong and a libero come back and dig up all the balls that she did," he said.

Others contributions from the Panthers included four aces, two kills, 16 assists and six digs from Smith.

"Stuttgart was tough," Ramstein coach Erin Markus said. "They put up a big block and they've got big hitters. They've got the height factor a little bit on us; that's where they overpower us, in the front row."

Markus said she wanted the match to last longer.

"We started playing smart and figuring out how to put the ball so they couldn't get those big hitters up," she said. "We tried to

minimize our errors. It was a little bit too late. We tried."

But Markus said the Royals were happy to make it to the finals, to get a chance to play Stuttgart for the title.

For the Royals, junior outside hitter Amelia Jones had 11 kills; senior setter Emily DeRosa had 28 assists; and sophomore libero Cristeana Reyes recorded 36 digs.

DeRosa and Reyes were also named All-Tournament.

DeRosa said the Royals left it all on the court.

"I think that this is the hardest that we have ever played this," she said. "We wanted it, but, it is what it is."

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Sigonella gets by Baumholder

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The Sigonella Jaguars clinched their second straight European Division III girls' volleyball title Saturday against an upstart Baumholder team, 25-11, 25-21, 25-16.

Though the Jaguars disposed of the Bucs in straight sets, it was far from a dominant victory by the returning champs, who several times had to claw their way back into the lead, making the final two sets thrilling nail-biters.

The second set was especially nerve-wracking, said Sigonella's Kishia Chandler, "but my team always pushes through, so I wasn't worried."

Such a close match wasn't expected, either, she said. "When we came into the tournament, we thought we knew who we were going to play," she said. "Baumholder completely threw us off. We had no idea how good they were. They put up a really great game."

Chandler, a four-year starter for Sigonella, was named the tournament's Division III most valuable player for the second consecutive year.

The senior had seven kills, three aces and a dig, all while playing in a position that's new for her.

About halfway through the season, Sigonella coach Shawn McCarthy moved Chandler from setter — a position she's played since a freshman — to outside hitter, in a move to generate more team offense.

"It paid dividends in the tournament and that's tough for kids to do, but she did what the team needed, she succeeded and that was great to see," McCarthy said.

After a lopsided first set, the Bucs dug in for the second game and tied the score at 20 all after an Elijah Tillman block at the net. Tillman followed that up with a kill that found the far inside corner of Sigonella's court to put the Bucs up 21-20. But the Bucs couldn't build on the momentum. A long volley went in Sigonella's favor after Baumholder hit the ball out of play, and the Bucs hit another return into the net. Several exchanges later, Chandler scored the



Sigonella's Hanna Barnes goes for a Baumholder serve as teammates Kishia Chandler, left, and Jessie Jacobs watch in the Division III final at the DODEA Europe volleyball championships in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Saturday.

winning point with a decisive kill.

The third set looked as if it might end in similar close fashion after Baumholder tied the game at 16 apiece. But then Sigonella setter Isabel Dillon took over and marched the team to victory, serving up nine straight points — including three aces.

Also contributing for the Jaguars was senior outside hitter Korley Jones with three kills.

Baumholder, McCarthy said, set up its defense for Jones' attack and was able to dig out many of her hits. But Sigonella was able to take advantage of the other areas of the court that opened as a result.

"Baumholder did an excellent job digging the ball and keeping it in play," he said. "But I think we had too much offense in the end."

Baumholder coach Jill Norris said her team "fought really hard."

"These girls have come a long way since the beginning of the season," she said. "They had the chemistry that they needed. They got better every week, and they started believing in themselves. And we got here and they just pushed it as far as they could."

Tillman had four aces, four kills and three blocks for the Bucs and was one of two Baumholder players named to the Division III All-Tournament team, along with senior Tytianna Martinez.

Rasmussen leads Bitburg to D-II crown

By DAN STOUTAMIRE
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Tournament Most Valuable Player Elise Rasmussen was seemingly everywhere on the court Saturday for the Bitburg Barons as she led her team to a DODEA Europe Division II volleyball title in the school's final year.

The 25-15, 25-16, 25-11 triumph over Black Forest Academy capped a perfect tournament run for the Barons, who also defeated BFA Friday in pool play.

In the final, Rasmussen — who had 12 kills and four blocks — was assisted by fellow seniors Alicia Paul, Hannah Bissonette, Kaitlyn Fleming and juniors Keilani Swartzmiller and Triana Hampton.

Bissonette, who along with Rasmussen was named to the All-Tournament team, finished the match by placing all 22 of her serves on the opposite side of the net, including six aces, to go along with nine kills. Swartzmiller was 10-for-10 on serves, with two aces and a game-high 12 assists.

"It's a dream come true, it really is — we worked so hard to get here," Bissonette, who has played four years at Bitburg, said. "We did wonderful; we just kept our head in the game and stuck with it."

It's a bittersweet win for the Barons, who will be moving into

newly-constructed Spangdahlem High School for 2016-2017 school year, with Bitburg closing down.

"I think it makes it special, we definitely went out with a bang," Rasmussen said. "I feel amazing. It's what we've been working toward the entire season, so it feels so good to finally reach our goal."

It's been a three-year trek to the top for coaches Eric Vining and Levy Luong's squad, as the Barons finished third in 2014 and second last year. It's something Rasmussen didn't totally expect when practices began.

"At first, no, because we had a lot of new players, and we weren't really gelling together, but once we finally got used to each other we realized we could count on each other," she said.

BFA featured a heavily senior-laden starting lineup, including standout Erin Fortune, but according to coach Ruth Pyrke, the future is bright for the Falcons. One of her co-captains is junior Leah Kennedy, and sophomore 6-footer Jesse Campbell joined Fortune on the All-Tournament squad.

"We came out strong in this tournament — we were focused and I think our goal was to earn every point, every match," Pyrke said. "One of the goals that I had this year was to develop leadership in the program, that's the goal — to look forward and develop these younger players."

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HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA EUROPE

Rota, Ramstein claim football crowns



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Rota's Jake Anderson, center, tries to get past Ansbach's Kevin Kamara at Saturday. The Admirals won the D-II title game 28-7.

Admirals halt Ansbach's reign

BY GREGORY BROOME
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Ansbach's title reign ended slowly, and then all at once.

Rota emphatically claimed the DODEA Europe Division II football championship Saturday at Kaiserslautern High School with a 28-7 win, ending the Cougars' two-year title streak, avenging their loss to Ansbach in last year's championship game and completing their own years-long rise from dormat to dominance.

"We feel great. Last year was so tough, traveling all the way here 36 hours on a bus to lose to Ansbach," Rota quarterback Sam Gallardo said. "This year was kind of payback."

The Admirals threatened to turn the clash of undefeated finalists into a blowout with two early touchdowns. De'Ontae Bradley delivered a 65-yard score, and Gallardo tossed a short touchdown pass to Jake Anderson for a 14-0 Rota lead less than nine minutes into the game.

Senior running back Bradley, a valuable midseason addition to an already formidable Rota offense, quickly learned what was at stake for the Admirals when he arrived from Virginia Beach this fall. On Saturday, he wasted no time helping his new teammates exact revenge for last year's loss.

"I saw an opening and I just hit it, full speed. I didn't stop at all," Bradley said of his game-opening touchdown run. "I knew they weren't going to catch me. I was gone."

But Ansbach's vaunted defense firmed up, subduing Rota's offense for a long stretch of the afternoon. Then the Cougars made a game of it.

As the first half was winding down, a late hit penalty on the Admirals gave the Cougars an untimed down at the 6-yard line. The defending champs seized the opportunity on a touchback pass from Hiromi Iglesias to Giancarlo

Solito and entered halftime down by a manageable 14-7 margin.

But Ansbach fumbled away opportunities to tie the score in the third quarter, even as its defense continued to stymie Rota. Still the Cougars hung within striking distance, but rather than an Ansbach comeback and a dramatic finish, Rota provided a decisive bookend to its early outburst.

With about four minutes to play, the Admirals forced a fumble and Andy Beyer-Lucena recovered at the 10-yard line. On the next play, Bradley ran 10 yards nearly untouched for the insurance score. Gallardo tacked on a 7-yard TD run less than a minute later to confirm the transfer of power.

The game ended Ansbach's title reign and a winning streak dating to a loss in the 2013 European semifinals. The school's population has plummeted in recent years, leaving Cougars coaches and veteran players to recruit in an attempt to extend their DODEA Europe lifespan.

First-year coach Stephen Choate, who replaced legendary coach Marcus George in the summer, said "everyone rallied" to produce another stirring, successful season of Cougars football.

"These guys have battled. They have battled," Choate said. "We had a good core, and they have really brought along some guys."

Rota, meanwhile, made good on its promise as the rising Division II power most likely to supplant the Cougars. The Admirals were winless in 2013, graduated to respectability in 2014 and were the victim in Ansbach's second straight championship in 2015. The step the program took Saturday was the only forward step left for it to take.

"Last year we knew we were winners and we knew we were an elite team, an elite program," Walter said. "This is just kind of putting the stamp on it. We wanted to come out and make a statement."

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Royals hold off Wiesbaden for second title in 3 years

BY GREGORY BROOME
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The premier rivalry in DODEA Europe football resumed Saturday at Kaiserslautern High School, and the result was as compelling as ever.

Ramstein beat Wiesbaden 13-8 for the Division I title, its second championship in the past three seasons.

"I'm so happy to be a part of this team, I'm very honored and privileged to coach these guys," said Ramstein's Carter Hollenbeck, the former defensive coordinator turned first-year head coach. "It's pretty special."

The clash between the division's most reliable contenders produced a tense fourth-quarter defensive struggle. With Ramstein ahead by seven, each defense forced a punt.

The standoff finally culminated in a chaotic final series of events.

Wiesbaden breached the Ramstein red zone with just more than a minute to play and faced fourth down-and-goal at the 11. The Warriors' pass attempt found only turf, and their apparent final chance had eluded them.

But the game to kick off a bit more intrigue to offer: Too much time remained for Ramstein to kill the clock by taking a knee. So on fourth down, the Royals accepted an intentional safety in an attempt to run out the final seconds. But two seconds remained, forcing Ramstein to kick off to the Warriors. Wiesbaden's desperate string of laterals went nowhere.

That late failed drive was a microcosm of the game, as neither team managed to produce much consistent offense.

Both teams drove deep enough to get a decent look at a first-quarter field goal — Matthew Reismann made Ramstein's just three minutes into the game, while Wiesbaden misfired on its attempt four minutes later.

Ramstein's defense stepped into the playmaking void. The Royals pinned the Warriors deep, and senior Andrew Short pierced the Wiesbaden line to put his hands on a punt. The block gave the Ramstein offense a needed head start, and Kyle Glenn punched in the Royals' only touchdown on a sharp 5-yard run for a 10-0 lead early in the second quarter.

In a sequence that foreshadowed the Warriors' frustrations in the final minutes, a potential scoring drive slipped away from Wiesbaden at the end of the first half. With no timeouts available, the whistle signalling halftime barely beat a Warrior snap from the 5-yard line that might have produced Wiesbaden's desperately needed first points.

Instead, the Warriors' only touchdown came on a stunning 75-yard pass from Gunner Yingling to Dante Hurt with less than three minutes left in the third quarter. Reismann and the



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Ramstein's Ryan Morgan is tackled by Wiesbaden's Allen Quitagua, right, and Chance Arnolds on Saturday. Ramstein won 13-6.

Royals responded with a 35-yard field goal at the start of the fourth quarter, giving Ramstein a 13-6 lead and setting up the game's dramatic conclusion.

Glenn tasted a title with the Royals in 2014 and bitter disappointment in the form of last year's semifinal loss to Stuttgart. The senior was determined to go out a champion, not just for himself and his fellow seniors but for the entire Ramstein roster.

"As the season went on and on, we grew more and more as a family. It was a special season," Glenn said. "I made it my goal to deliver one to these guys. They deserve it."

At the opposite extreme from the grizzled leader Glenn was the debuting Reismann, an unassuming freshman kicker who ended up not just playing in the title game but supplying seven of his team's 13 points.

"It feels really nice to be on the team," Reismann said. "I can't really describe how happy I am right now."

The mood was entirely different on the opposite sideline, where the Warriors were left to process a third straight loss in the championship game. Rather than dwell on those failures, however, head coach Steve Jewell focused on the magnitude of his young, "banged-up" team's accomplishment in simply reaching another final.

"Hell of a season, regardless of the outcome of our last game," Jewell said. "We stuck around, and had our chances to pull it out."

The Warriors and Royals have now played for the championship four times in the past six seasons, with each winning two of those meetings. Wiesbaden won in 2011 and 2013, while Ramstein won in 2014 and in Saturday's 2016 edition.

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New York Rangers Kevin Hayes (13) and J.T. Miller celebrate with Michael Grabner (40) after his goal during Saturday's 5-2 win.

Roundup

Surging Rangers knock off Bruins

Associated Press

BOSTON — Derek Stepan and Kevin Hayes each scored short-handed goals, Antti Raanta made 35 saves and the surging New York Rangers beat the Boston Bruins 5-2 on Saturday night.

Pavel Buchnevich added a power-play goal, Stepan had two assists and Michael Grabner and Nick Holden also scored for New York, which won its fourth straight game.

David Pastrnak and Patrice Bergeron scored for the Bruins, who had won their last three games. Tuukka Rask made 19 saves, but lost for the first time after winning his first six starts.

Capitals 4, Panthers 2: T.J. Oshie scored twice, including the game-winner during a third-period flurry, as host Washington beat Florida for its fifth consecutive victory.

Lightning 4, Devils 1: Victor Hedman and Nikita Kucherov both had a goal and an assist. Brayden Point scored his first NHL goal, as host Tampa Bay beat New Jersey.

Blues 2, Blue Jackets 1 (OT): Jay Bouwmeester tied it in early in the third period and Vladimir Tarasenko scored the winner late in overtime to lift St. Louis to a victory over visiting Columbus.

Avalanche 1, Wild 0: Gabriel Landeskog scored with 9:37 remaining, Calvin Pickard stopped 32 shots for his second shutout and

host Colorado beat Minnesota.

Canadiens 5, Flyers 4: Tomas Plekanec scored a short-handed goal in the third period to lift Montreal to a win over visiting Philadelphia.

Penguins 5, Sharks 0: Sidney Crosby scored twice and Matthew Murray stopped 32 shots for his second career shutout as visiting Pittsburgh continued its dominance of San Jose.

Oilers 4, Islanders 3 (SO): Mark Letestu scored the only goal in the shootout to lift Edmonton to a victory over host New York.

Sabres 2, Senators 1: At Ottawa, Ontario, Kyle Okposo and Sam Reinhart scored in the third period in Buffalo's comeback victory over the Senators.

Maple Leafs 6, Canucks 3: Tyler Bozak scored twice and had an assist to lead Toronto to a victory over visiting Vancouver, handing the Canucks their eighth straight loss.

Hurricanes 3, Predators 2 (SO): At Nashville, Tenn., Jacob Slavin scored the only goal of the shootout to lead Carolina to a victory over the Predators.

Blackhawks 3, Stars 2: Patrick Kane scored the go-ahead goal and assisted on another, and Chicago beat host Dallas.

Kings 5, Flames 0: Devin Setoguchi scored twice and goalie Peter Budaj stopped 24 shots for his first shutout in three years as host Los Angeles beat Calgary.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Montreal	12	10	1	1	21	39	28		
Tampa Bay	12	7	4	1	15	40	35		
Ottawa	11	7	0	4	14	29	28		
Detroit	12	6	5	1	13	34	31		
Toronto	11	7	2	2	14	33	28		
Boston	11	6	5	0	12	26	32		
Florida	12	5	6	1	11	32	32		

Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
N.Y. Rangers	12	9	3	0	18	50	27		
Washington	11	8	2	1	17	33	24		
Pittsburgh	12	8	3	1	17	34	28		
Philadelphia	13	6	6	1	13	47	48		
Columbus	10	7	2	0	14	33	21		
New Jersey	10	4	4	3	11	22	24		
N.Y. Islanders	10	3	6	1	7	20	38		
Carolina	10	3	6	1	9	34	34		

Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Chicago	12	6	4	2	14	26	33		
St. Louis	12	6	4	2	14	26	33		
Dallas	12	6	4	2	13	33	32		
Winnipeg	12	5	6	1	11	32	36		
Colorado	10	5	5	0	10	21	28		
Nashville	11	4	5	2	10	28	34		

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Edmonton	12	8	3	1	17	38	30		
San Jose	12	7	4	1	15	37	31		
Anaheim	12	5	5	2	12	31	31		
Calgary	11	5	6	0	10	29	32		
Los Angeles	12	5	6	0	10	29	32		
Vancouver	12	4	6	2	10	20	34		
Arizona	10	3	6	0	8	31	41		

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's games									
Colorado	1	Minnesota	0						
Washington	4	Florida	2						
St. Louis	2	Columbus	1	OT					
Toronto	6	Vancouver	3						
Montreal	5	Philadelphia	4						
N.Y. Rangers	5	Boston	2						
Tampa Bay	4	New Jersey	1						
Edmonton	1	N.Y. Islanders	3	SO					
Carolina	3	Nashville	2	SO					
Chicago	3	Dallas	2						
Calgary	1	Los Angeles	3						
San Jose	1	Anaheim	1						

Sunday's games									
Edmonton	1	San Jose	1						
Colorado	1	St. Louis	1						
New Jersey	1	Carolina	1						
Dallas	1	Detroit	1						
Winnipeg	1	N.Y. Rangers	1						
Calgary	1	Anaheim	1						

Saturday

Canadiens 5, Flyers 4

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	12	2	1	2-4		
Montreal	12	2	1	2-4		

First Period—1. Montreal, Markov 1:10; 2. Philadelphia, Van der Zant 4:32; 3. Philadelphia, Gostishchev 3 (Del zot, Voracek); 8:30. 4. Montreal, Paterlini (Shaw, Byron); 9:09.

Second Period—5. Montreal, Galchenyuk 4 (Markov, Radulov); 18:38.

Third Period—6. Montreal, Danault 3 (Mitchell); 3:52. 7. Philadelphia, Giroux 3 (Voracek, Gostishchev); 9:16 (pp). 8. Montreal, Plekanec 1 (Paciorety); 10:57 (sh). 9. Philadelphia, Konecny 3 (Provorn, Couturier); 16:16 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 9-15-14-38. Montreal 8-6-17-31.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 2 of 5; Montreal 0 of 3.

Goals—Philadelphia, Neuvirth 4-2-0 (17 shots-12 saves). Montreal, Price 0-0 (0 shots-0 saves).

A—21-288 (21,273). T—2:32.

Maple Leafs 6, Canucks 3

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	11	1	1-3			
Toronto	12	3	1-6			

First Period—1. Toronto, Kadri 6:26 (Zaitsev, Rielly); 12:20. 2. Toronto, Bozak 4 (Van riemsdijk, Komarov); 16:18. 3. Vancouver, Dorsett 1 (Hansen, Sutter); 18:04.

Second Period—4. Toronto, Bozak 5 (Mannar, Van riemsdijk); 15:00 (pp). 5. Vancouver, Sedin 4 (Larsen); 16:20.

Third Period—6. Toronto, Markov 4 (Bozak, Van riemsdijk); 4:18. 7. Toronto, Sosnikov 1 (Nylander); 6:13. 8. Vancouver, Sedin 3 (Stecher, Hansen); 6:42. 9. Toronto, Gardiner 2 (Smith, Matthews); 8:21.

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 7-12-10-29. Toronto 17-13-12-42.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 4; Toronto 1 of 3.

Goals—Vancouver, Markstrom 3-2-1 (0 shots-0 saves). Miller 1-0-0 (42-30). Toronto, Enroth 0-2-0 (3-3). Andersen 5-2-0 (17 shots-12 saves).

A—19-480 (18,819). T—3:1.

Rangers 5, Bruins 2

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	11	1	0-1-2			

First Period—1. Boston, Bergeron 2 (Marchand); 3:44. 2. N.Y. Rangers, Holden 1 (Vesey, Stepan); 15:09. 3. N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 1 (Garard, Grabner); 17:58 (sh).

Second Period—4. N.Y. Rangers, Hayes 5 (Klein, Staal); 2:18 (sh). 5. Boston, Buchnevich 1 (Skjel, Stepan); 12:37 (pp).

Third Period—6. N.Y. Rangers, Buchnevich 1 (Skjel, Stepan); 12:37 (pp). 7. Boston, Pastrnak 7 (Nash, Corbin); 14:46. 8. N.Y. Rangers, Grabner 7; 15:48.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 11-8-5-24. Boston 11-15-11-37.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 1 of 3; Boston 0 of 3.

Goals—N.Y. Rangers, Raanta 3-0-0 (37 shots-35 saves). Boston, Rask 6-1-0 (24-15).

A—17-565 (17,565). T—2:25.

Sabres 2, Senators 1

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	10	1	0-2-2			
Ottawa	10	0	1-0-1			

First Period—1. Ottawa, Hoffman 3 (Karlsson, Ryan); 2:42 (pp).

Second Period—2. Buffalo, Okposo 5 (McCabe, Larsson); 1:07. 3. Buffalo, Reinhart 2 (Girgensons, Ristolainen); 8:22.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 8-13-11-32. Ottawa 5-13-3-22.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 1; Ottawa, Korpela 1 of 1.

Goals—Buffalo, Lehner 4-3-1 (33 shots-32 saves). Ottawa, Anderson 6-0 (32-30).

A—16-225 (19,153). T—2:25.

Avalanche 1, Wild 0

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	0	0	0-0-0			
Colorado	0	0	1-1			

First Period—1. Colorado, Landeskog 3 (Duchene, Rantanen); 10:23 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Colorado 15-12-5-32. Colorado 10-12-10-32.

Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 3; Colorado 0 of 4.

Goals—Minnesota, Dubnyk 3-1-32 (32 shots-31 saves). Colorado, Pickard 3-0 (32-32).

A—15-256 (18,007). T—2:34.

Blues 2, Blue Jackets 1 (OT)

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	0	1	0-0-1			
St. Louis	0	0	1-1-2			

First Period—1. Columbus, Anderson 12:55.

Second Period—2. St. Louis, Bouwmeester 1 (Upshall); 2:16.

Third Period—3. St. Louis, Tarasenko 5 (Shattenkirk, Steen); 19:17.

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 3-7-10-21. St. Louis 8-15-5-22-30.

Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 3; Columbus 0 of 4.

Goals—Columbus, McElhinney 0-0-1 (30 shots-28 saves). St. Louis, Hutton 2-1 (21-20).

A—15-245 (19,150). T—2:34.

Kings 5, Flames 0

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	0	0	0-0-0			
Los Angeles	2	2	1-5			

First Period—1. Los Angeles, Carter 3 (Kins, 19:01. 2. Los Angeles, Setoguchi 1 (Brown, Dowd); 19:46.

Second Period—3. Los Angeles, Clifford 1 (Shore, 8:11). 4. Los Angeles, Setoguchi 2 (Brown); 16:09.

Third Period—5. Los Angeles, Lewis 2 (Doughty); 1:12.

Shots on Goal—Calgary 5-7-12-24. Los Angeles 15-9-39-39.

Power-play opportunities—Calgary 0 of 3; Los Angeles 0 of 3.

Goals—Calgary, Elliott 3-0-0 (39 shots-34 saves). Los Angeles, Buda 6-0 (24-24).

A—18-230 (18,118). T—2:30.

Penguins 5, Sharks 0

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	12	2	0-0-0			
San Jose	10	0	0-0-0			

First Period—1. Pittsburgh, Kunitz 1 (Crosby, Malkin); 4:22. 2. Pittsburgh, Crosby 7 (Sheary, Hagelin); 18:28.

Second Period—3. Pittsburgh, Crosby 8 (Dumoulin, Hagelin); 0:13. 4. Pittsburgh, Berris 2 (Sheary, Malkin); 2:33. 5. Pittsburgh, Bonin 1 (Daley, Hagelin); 16:28 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 13-16-25. San Jose 12-6-10-23.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 1; San Jose 0 of 4.

Goals—Pittsburgh, Murray 2-0-0 (32 shots-32 saves). San Jose, Dell 1-0-0 (18 shots-18 saves).

A—17-562 (17,562). T—2:29.

Oilers 4, Islanders 3 (SO)

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	2	1	0-0-4			
N.Y. Islanders	2	1	0-0-3			

First Period—1. N.Y. Islanders, Leddy 2 (Tavares, Clutterbuck); 0:13. 2. N.Y. Islanders, Clutterbuck 3 (Seidenberg, De hant); 5:49. 3. Edmonton, Maroon 4 (Benning); 8:23. Edmonton, Drabinski 3 (Benning, Maroon); 12:13 (pp).

Second Period—4. N.Y. Islanders, Clutterbuck 2 (Seidenberg, Prince); 11:18. 6. Edmonton, Lucic 5 (Lefebvre); 16:50 (pp).

Third Period—5. N.Y. Islanders, Clutterbuck 1 (Seidenberg, Prince); 11:18. 6. Edmonton, Lucic 5 (Lefebvre); 16:50 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 7-4-7-23. N.Y. Islanders 10-10-9-34.

Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 2 of 3; N.Y. Islanders 0 of 3.

Goals—Edmonton, Talbot 8-3-1 (33 shots-30 saves). N.Y.

HIGH SCHOOL: DODEA PACIFIC



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Okinawa girls singles and doubles champ Adelle Ashby of Kubasaki.

DODEA tennis players focus on team success

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

Since returning to competition in the Far East tennis tournament in 2010, international-school players have laid claim to all but a handful of titles.

And they're expected to do the same in this year's tournament, which begins Monday at Rissner Tennis Center on Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

Where the drama and intrigue come in for DODEA players and teams could come where the team banners are concerned, particularly in Division II, where a number of DODEA players who earned district and league titles abound.

"It's pretty wide open," said Perry coach Mark Lange of the chase for D-II team title space.

E.J. King won the boys and Yokota the girls and overall D-II banners last year. And while St. Mary's and American School in Japan took the boys and girls Division I banners, Seoul American placed third in each and took home overall D-I runner-up honors behind ASIJ.

Of the 16 teams entered in the tournament, 12 are DODEA Pacific.

While the DODEA small-school players might not win individual titles, advancing through the middle rounds and then grabbing points in consolation rounds can lead to championships.

Seniors Akira Goodman of E.J. King and Yokota's Kaia Austin, the DODEA Japan boys singles and doubles champion, could help lead the charge for the Cobras and Panthers.

"Akira is darned good," Lange said. "Any kind of game, any kind

of ball hit back to him, he will out lose you. Kaia is fantastic. She'll be tough to beat."

"We've prepared and worked hard for this," King coach McKinzy Best said. "We'll represent the black and red well going into this tournament."

Two girls from Humphreys could qualify as sleepers. Emily Yang and Yeorae Kim helped the Blackhawks finish third in the Korea Red regular season.

Then Yang upset Jade Hughes of Gyeonggi Suwon in the Korea Red No. 1 singles and Humphreys won the team title in the postseason tournament. Angela Kim and Josephine Goering of Humphreys won the girls No. 2 doubles.

Others coming from Korea who might surprise are James Sturn and Ben Session of Daegu, who won the Korea Red No. 1 doubles.

Seoul American lost the core of its team from the last two years, including former singles finalist Grace Cho. Senior Colby Mortensen stepped up and was named All-Conference for the fourth place Falcons. Okinawa's district tournaments saw Adelle Ashby break a 14-year Kadena stranglehold on the singles title as she beat McKenna Murphy in the finals on Oct. 24. Shaun Freeman of Kadena repeated as boys champion.

They all must overcome a star-studded field of international school players, seeded 1-2-3-4 in the singles brackets, including last year's girls singles runner-up Matilde Piras of Seisen.

The boys top four seeds are: St. Mary's Raymond Maejima, ASIJ's Noah Inahara, St. Mary's Kai Strawn and ASIJ's Leon Hoy.

Perry rolls past Humphreys

Ricafrente leads charge to D-II title

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — Keep things simple and take care of the football.

That philosophy paid off Saturday for Caeleb Ricafrente and the Perry football team. The senior scored three touchdowns and the ground-oriented Samurai overwhelmed Humphreys, 44-6, for Perry's first Far East Division II football championship.

"It's hard to put into words," said coach Frank Macias, whose Samurai redeemed themselves for their 60-50 D-II title-game loss in 2014 to Daegu on the same Samurai Field.

"To build a program, to build a culture, to get these guys to believe that a school of 140 students can someday win a banner, the hard work that these guys put in, the commitment the dedication. I'm so proud of them," Macias said.

It was the completion of the 2012 reboot of a program that was disbanded after the 2003 season due to lack of players.

"It's amazing," said Macias' son, junior quarterback Garrett Macias. "It's not just the players here. I give credit to the players who started the program when it came back. I'm proud of those guys. I'm proud of this community."

Humphreys, which entered the game as the only remaining unbeaten DODEA Pacific team, fell in its first trip to the D-II final. The weary Blackhawks traveled in two groups via roundabout air routes and arrived at their hotel just before midnight Friday. Kickoff was 12 hours later.

"The situation and circumstances that presented themselves in this whole exercise, the guys came out and fought the best way they could," Blackhawks coach Steven Elliott said.

The Samurai worked the ball patiently, engineering three drives of 61 yards or more, lasting as long as 5 minutes, 25 seconds. Every one of their offensive plays except one two-point conversion pass came on the ground and they did not punt once.

And they made precious few mistakes, turning the ball over once, while forcing the Blackhawks into two turnovers, sacking Humphreys quarterback Bryce Bulutovich four times and holding the Blackhawks to 146 yards of offense.

"We don't do a whole lot. But what we do, we do well," the elder Macias said. "When you run a few plays and you run them well, you're going to keep the ball. On defense, we just can't wait to get the ball and then we're going to march it down. That's what we do. That's what we've done all season."

Ricafrente, who finished with 212 yards on 22 carries, got the Samurai on the board first with a 10-yard run 3:37 into the game, capping a 63-yard, nine-play drive.

Immediately, Bulutovich went to the air, hitting Nate Hellams for what appeared to be a 65-yard TD pass, which was called back on a holding penalty. Two plays later, Humphreys fumbled and Garrett Macias recovered.



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Perry running back Caeleb Ricafrente tries to run through Humphreys defenders Braxton Long and Tyrell Alexander.

He scored seven plays later to make it 12-0. Humphreys then tried to drive downfield, Bulutovich completing a 48-yard pass to Owen Williams and the Blackhawks reaching the Perry 24. But a bad snap cost Humphreys 20 yards and Bulutovich was sacked on fourth down.

Perry then drove 61 yards on nine plays with Ricafrente racing 15 yards to make it 20-0 1:57 into the second period. Andrew Borrero's interception two plays later set up his own 3-yard scoring run to make it 28-0 6:44 before halftime.

The Blackhawks tried some razzle-dazzle on their next drive, a halfback pass from Miles Brice to Tyrell Alexander, who caught the ball on a deflection at the Perry 4. But a Samurai goal-line stand kept Humphreys off the board.

"This was a team effort," said Ricafrente, who finished with a Pacific-leading 24 touchdowns and a team-high 875 yards on 118 carries. "I could not have done anything without my line. My line puts the effort up and I just go with what they have."

Borrero finished with 118 yards on 16 carries, a team co-leading six tackles and his interception.

Bulutovich went 8-for-18 for 126 yards and closed the season 57-for-140 for 1,142 yards.

While disappointed in defeat, Bulutovich, a junior, said the game could serve as the trigger for good things for the Blackhawks. "We have the foundation. Better than last year. We just need to work harder," Bulutovich said.

"I'm very proud of the way they performed all year and I'm still proud of the way they performed in this game," Elliott said. "It was an uphill battle from the word go and they kept driving and doing the best they knew to do."

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A black and white action photograph from a basketball game. In the foreground, a player in a white jersey with the number 23 (Chris Szagala) is jumping high, his arms extended to block a shot. He is facing away from the camera. In front of him, a player in a dark jersey with the number 12 (Cleveland Cavaliers) is also jumping, his body angled towards the basket. The background shows a crowded arena with spectators and other players on the court. The lighting is bright, typical of an indoor sports arena.

The 76ers' Gerald Henderson, left, gets the ball knocked away by Cleveland's LeBron James, right, on Saturday in Philadelphia. James scored 25 points in the Cavaliers 102-101 win moving into 10th place on the NBA's career list.

James, Cavs hold off winless Sixers

Bucks 117, Kings 91: Mirza Teletovic scored 22 points and matched his career high with seven three-pointers, Giannis Antetokounmpo added 17 points, eight assists and eight rebounds and host Milwaukee beat short-handed Sacramento 117-91 at home.

Clippers 116, Spurs 92: Blake Griffin scored a season-high 28 points as Los Angeles handed San Antonio a second straight home loss.

Hawks 112, Rockets 97

HOUSTON — Ariza 4-10 0-0 10, Anderson 4-13 0-0 12, Capela 6-7 0-0 12, Harden 10-19 6-7 30, Gordon 3-11 3-4 9, Dekker 1-6 0-0 3, Wiltjer 0-0 0-0 0, Brewer 0-3 0-0 0, Hilario 1-5 0-0 2, Harrell 2-2 0-0 4, Ennis 1-2 0-0 2, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, McDaniels 5-6 2-2 13, Totals 37-85 11-13 97.

ATLANTA — Bazemore 7-12 3-3 20, Millsap 10-20 3-5 23, Howard 8-10 4-10 20, Schroder 6-14 3-4 17, Korver 4-6 0-0 10, Prince 0-0 0-0 0, Scoutingham 4-8 0-0 8, Bembry 0-0 0-0 0, Kelly 0-0 0-0 0, Muscala 2-3 0-0 5, Delaney 3-7 0-0 6, Hardaway Jr. 1-5 1-2 3, Totals 45-85 14-24 112.

15-24 112.					
Minnesota	25	28	19	20	-92
Oklahoma City	32	27	31	22	-112
Three-Point Goals—Minnesota 4-19					
(Towns 3-4, LaVine 1-3, Lucas 0-1, Wiggins 0-1, A.Payne 0-1, Jones 0-2, Bjellac 0-2, Rush 0-5), Oklahoma City 7-16					
(Westbrook 4-5, Roberson 2-3, Oladipo 1-2, Kanter 0-1, Christian 0-1, Lauvergne 0-1, Sabonis 0-3). Fouled Out—None.					
Rebounds—Minnesota 41 (Dieng 8), Oklahoma City 41 (Kanter 10). Assists—Minnesota 12 (Jones 4), Oklahoma City 24 (Dieng 10). Total Fouls—Minnesota 19, Oklahoma City 21. Technicals—Minnesota coach Tom Thibodeau, Westbrook, A.J. 18.703 (J.R. 703).					

Harold Johnson	31
Will Chamberlain	32
—Dirk Nowitzki	29
—Naquille O'Neal	28
—Josias Malone	27
—Elvin Hayes	27
—LeBron James	26
—Hakeem Olajuwon	26
—Oscar Robinson	26
—Dominique Wilkins	26
—Tim Duncan	26
—John Havlicek	26
—Paul Pierce	26
—Kevin Garnett	26
—Alex English	25
—Reggie Miller	25
—Jerry West	25

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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Saturday's scores

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 Bethany (WV) 33, Grove City 14
 Bloomsburg 22, Shippensburg 19
 Bridgewater (Mass.) 28, Framingham State 27
 Brockport 44, Morrisville 32
 Cabrini 24, Salem 22
 Bryant 24, Robert Morris 13
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 California (Pa.) 52, Edinboro 7
 Case Reserve 26, Westminster (Pa.) 22
 Castleton 23, Becker 22
 Christopher Newport 26, William Paterson 20

Clarion 41, Gannon 35
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 Delaware 33, Albany (NY) 17
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 Holy Cross 21, Georgetown 20
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 Kutztown 40, Cheyney 6
 LIU Post 64, Merrimack 7
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 Middlebury 45, Hamilton 10
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 Muhlenberg 49, Ursinus 17
 New York 24, Maine 14
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 Princeton 28, Penn 0
 Quinnipiac 26, Anselm 25
 Shepherd 27, Fennell 17
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 St. John Fisher 68, Hartwick 40
 St. Vincent 20, Waynesburg 12
 St. Martin's 17, Pace 10
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 Towson 23, Elon 6
 Trinity (Conn.) 24, Amherst 14
 Trinity 12, Colby 12
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 29 Virginia 28, Maine 14
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 W. Virginia 52, Concord 45
 WPI 17, Rochester 27
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 30 West Virginia 55, Williams 14
 West Chester 52, Millersville 0
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 William & Mary 14, Stony Brook 9
 Worcester 31, Westfield 17

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 Arkansas 31, Florida 10
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 Marist 21, TSU 13
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 Mississippi 33, Sewanee 30
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 North Carolina 48, Georgia Tech 20



Air Force's Shayne Davern celebrates his 17-yard touchdown run during the Falcons' 31-12 victory over Army in West Point, N.Y.

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 25 Pikeville 30, Kentucky Christian 10
 26 Ragin' Cajons 31, Gulfport 10
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 28 Savannah 31, Norfolk 31
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 30 South Carolina 31, Missouri 21
 31 Southern 16, Texas Southern 10
 32 Susquehanna 37, McDaniel 20
 33 Tennessee 55, Tennessee Tech 0
 34 Tennessee 41, Austin Peay 40
 35 The Citadel 37, Samford 34
 36 Troy St. 10, UMass 31
 37 Tusculum 38, Catawba 28
 38 Tuskegee 13, Miles 10
 39 UCF 37, Tulane 6
 40 UTSA 45, Middle Tennessee 25
 41 UCF 37, Bluefield South 0
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 44 W. Carolina 33, VMI 29
 45 W. Kentucky 49, UTU 21
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 33 Carroll 49, Simpson (Iowa) 14
 34 Concordia (Mich.) 58, Missouri Bapt. 9
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 32 Sioux Falls St. 11, Upper Iowa 7
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 37 St. Mary (Kan.) 28, Southwest (Kan.) 2

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 27 FAU 42, Rice 25
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 29 Harding 24, NW Oklahoma St. 7
 30 Henderson 45, N. Nazarene 7
 31 Langston 40, L. 12
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 35 Northwestern 25, Texas 20
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 51 Whitworth 34, Willamette 14
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Navy shocks Irish

Worth scores twice in win over Notre Dame

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Navy's final fourth-down play worked to perfection. Just don't bother asking coach Ken Niumatalolo how it played out.

"I had my eyes closed. I was praying," Niumatalolo said. "It obviously worked out great."

It helped Navy get a rare win against Notre Dame.

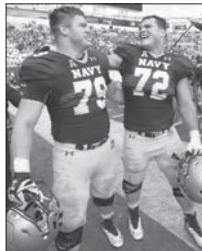
Will Worth ran for 175 yards and two touchdowns, his eighth consecutive game with a rushing score, and the Midshipmen beat the Fighting Irish 28-27 Saturday in the nation's longest-running intersectional rivalry.

Navy (6-2) won its fourth game against Notre Dame since 1963. The Irish (3-6) had won five in a row in the series.

"We're kind of in euphoria, Cloud 9 right now having beaten Notre Dame," Niumatalolo said. "I've been here a long time. We've had some crushing defeats to these guys. To be able to finally come out on top, it feels so good."

Irish coach Brian Kelly did served some of the blame for this one. Trailing 28-24 with a little more than 7 minutes to go, Kelly opted for a 31-yard field goal instead of trying to convert a fourth-and-4 play at the 14. He made the call even though his defense hadn't forced a punt all afternoon.

"Well, certainly thought about going for it," Kelly said. "Now in hindsight, it's something that we



JOHN RAOU/AP

Navy offensive tackle Blake Copeland (79) and guard Adam West (72) celebrate after defeating Notre Dame 28-27 on Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla.

didn't get the ball back. But 28-27 made sense to me at the time. Even if they score a touchdown, we still have the opportunity to score and get the two-point conversion. ... But those are the decisions you got to make.

"Again, I don't question the decision to go for the field goal other than the fact that we couldn't get the ball back."

Navy got the ball and ran out the clock with its triple-option offense. Worth converted two huge fourth-down plays on the final drive, one on a dive play near midfield and another with a pass to Jamir Tillman that essentially ended it.

Worth took a knee after that, setting off a raucous celebration that surely will continue through the weekend.

Worthman, Air Force top Army for trophy

By JOHN KEKIS
Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Air Force quarterback Arin Worthman found on Friday that he would be making his first career start. That it would come against service academy

rival Army on the road in a critical game apparently was no big deal.

"The sophomores passed for 195 yards and one touchdown and rushed for 106 yards and another touchdown," Worthman said.

It just shows the grit of our team," said tailback Jacob Owens, who rushed for 106 yards and caught a 46-yard touchdown pass from Worthman. "It's good

to have the trophy back. We'll just put it in the middle of the locker room so everybody can see it."

The second leg of the round-robin competition between the three service academies ended with the Falcons claiming the prized hardware for the 20th time. Air Force (6-3), which dispatched Navy 28-14 a month ago, has won all but the last 20 games against Army and is 14-10 at Michie Stadium.

"There are much, much prettier football teams, but we do a super job when it comes to playing together in a group that's just unrelenting in terms of preparation," said Air Force coach Troy Calhoun, who is 9-1 against Army. "We're just a gritty, feisty, overachieving (team). It's unlike anything I've ever been around."

Army (5-4) needs to win two more games to become eligible for the postseason for only the second time in 20 years.

Worthman

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

- Lamar Jackson, Louisville, accounted for seven TDs and 416 yards in three quarters to lead the No. 5 Cardinals to a 52-7 victory over Boston College.
- D'Onta Foreman, Texas, had career highs with 341 yards rushing and three TDs, leading the Longhorns over Texas Tech 45-37.
- Wilton Speight, Michigan, set a school record with 292 yards passing in the first half and finished with a career-high 362 while accounting for three TDs in the No. 2 Wolverines' 59-3 win over Maryland.
- Mason Rudolph, Oklahoma State, threw for 457 yards and five TDs, helping the No. 22 Cowboys hold on for a 43-37 victory over Kansas State.
- Ronald Jones, USC, tied a school single-game record with four rushing TDs and had 171 yards to help the Trojans demolish Oregon 45-20.
- Kyle Hicks, TCU, ran for a career-high 192 yards and five TDs to help the Horned Frogs beat 13th-ranked Baylor 62-22.
- Chad Chalich, Montana, threw six of his program-record seven TD passes in the first half and had 388 yards in a 62-44 win over Idaho State.
- Christian McCaffrey, Stanford, rushed for 199 yards and a TD to help the Cardinal beat Oregon State 26-15.
- Aaron Jones, UTEP, ran for 228 yards and two TDs to help the Miners beat Houston Baptist 42-10.
- Rawleigh Williams, Arkansas, rushed for 148 yards and a pair of TDs as the Razorbacks defeated No. 10 Florida for the first time since 1982 with a 31-10 victory.
- Skyler Howard, West Virginia, threw three TD passes and ran for two more scores to lead the No. 14 Mountaineers to a 48-21 victory over Kansas, sending the Jayhawks to their 40th straight road loss.
- Luke Falk, Washington State, threw for 311 yards and four TDs and the No. 25 Cougars beat Arizona 69-7.
- Elijah Hood, North Carolina, ran for 168 yards and three TDs to help the No. 18 Tar Heels beat Georgia Tech 48-20.
- Devin Singletary, Florida Atlantic, rushed for a school-record 252 yards and three TDs in a 42-25 victory over Rice.
- Jeremiah Briscoe, Sam Houston State, threw for 504 yards and six TDs, and broke a school record for touchdown passes in a season 40 in a 56-43 win over McNeese State.
- Austin Gahafer, Morehead State, threw for 465 yards and five TDs and set a Pioneer League record with 11,231 career yards in a 54-28 win over Butler.
- Carlos Henderson, Louisiana Tech, scored five touchdowns for the second time this season in a 45-24 win over North Texas.



JEFF WOO, THE DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/AP

Louisiana Tech wide receiver Carlos Henderson (1) hurdles North Texas defensive back Chad Davis (16) after a reception Saturday. Henderson scored five TDs for the second time this season in a 45-24 victory.

How the Top 25 fared

- Alabama (9-0) beat No. 15 LSU 10-0.** Jalen Hurts broke loose for a 21-yard touchdown run to break a scoreless tie early in the fourth quarter, and No. 1 Alabama's defense thoroughly stifled Leonard Fournette and host LSU.
See story on Back page
Next: vs. Mississippi State, Saturday.
- Michigan (9-0) beat Maryland 59-3.** At Ann Arbor, Mich., Wilton Speight finished with a career-high 362 yards after accounting for three touchdowns in the first half, helping Michigan rout Maryland. The Wolverines scored touchdowns on all five of their drives in the first half.
Next: at Iowa, Saturday.
- Washington (9-0) beat Syracuse 54-0.** At Clemson, S.C., Deshaun Watson threw two touchdowns and ran for a third for Clemson before leaving with a bruised shoulder. Watson had 169 yards passing and 39 rushing to keep the Tigers on track for the ACC title game. They can clinch the ACC Atlantic Division next week against Pitt.
Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.
- Washington (9-0) beat California 66-27.** At Berkeley, Calif., Jake Browning threw for 378 yards and six touchdowns to set Washington's single-season record for TD passes with 34. Dante Pettis caught three touchdown passes and drew another to lead the Huskies to their 12th straight win.
Next: vs. Southern Cal, Saturday.
- Louisville (8-1) beat Boston College 52-7.** At Boston, Lamar Jackson ran for three touchdowns and threw for four more in three quarters to lead Louisville. He had a 63-yard scoring run on the game's third play.
Next: vs. Wake Forest, Saturday.
- Ohio State (8-1) beat No. 9 Nebraska 62-3.** At Columbus, Ohio, the Curtis Samuel led 178 yards from scrimmage and two touchdowns, including a 75-yard TD on Ohio State's first play of the second half.
See story on Page 31.
Next: at Maryland, Saturday.
- Texas A&M (7-2) lost to Mississippi State 35-28.** At Starkville, Miss., Nick Fitzgerald ran for 182 yards and two touchdowns, Aeris Williams added a career-high 140 yards and Mississippi State upset Texas A&M.
See story on Page 31.
Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
- Wisconsin (7-2) beat Northwestern 21-7.** At Evanston, Ill., Corey Clement ran for 106 yards and a touchdown, Jazz Peavy scored on a 46-yard run and Wisconsin beat Northwestern. Corey Sheedy forced a big fumble when he sacked Clayton Thorson with the Wildcats threatening early in the fourth quarter.
Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
- Nebraska (7-2) lost to No. 6 Ohio State 62-3.** Nebraska lost quarterback Tommy Armstrong to a scary head injury in the second quarter, when the senior slammed the side of his helmet on the turf. Armstrong was taken from the stadium in an ambulance, but returned to the sideline in the third quarter.
See story on Page 31.
Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
- Florida (6-2) lost to Arkansas 31-10.** Rawleigh Williams ran for 148 yards and two touchdowns to help host Arkansas beat Florida for the first time since 1982. It is the first 500 victory over the Gators for the Razorbacks.
Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.
- Auburn (7-2) beat Vanderbilt 23-16.** At Auburn, Ala., The injured Sean White came off the bench to throw a touchdown pass and Josh Holsey intercepted a last-minute throw to lift Auburn past Vanderbilt.
Next: at Georgia, Saturday.
- Oklahoma (7-2) beat Iowa State 34-24, Thursday.** Baker Mayfield completed 25 of 34 passes for 328 yards and visiting Oklahoma held off Iowa State for its sixth straight victory.
Next: vs. No. 13 Baylor, Saturday, Nov. 12.
- Baylor (6-2) lost to TCU 62-22.** At Waco, Texas, Kyle Hicks ran for a career-high 192 yards and five touchdowns for TCU. Hicks' five TD were one short of LaDainian Tomlinson's school record set in November 1999.
Next: at No. 12 Oklahoma, Saturday.
- West Virginia (7-1) beat Kansas 48-21.** At Morgantown, W.Va., Skyler Howard threw three touchdown passes and ran for two more scores to help Virginia hand Kansas its 40th straight road loss. Justin Crawford ran for 129 yards and a score.
Next: at Texas, Saturday.
- LSU (5-3) lost to No. 1 Alabama 10-0.** LSU had its share of big plays — but all on defense, forcing Lane Hurts into an early interception and fumble. But LSU's offense could not capitalize against menacing defensive end Jonathan Allen and the rest of Alabama's suffocating defense.
See story on Back page.
Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.
- Utah (7-2) did not play.** The Utes fell behind in the Pac-12 South race after a lost last week to Washington in what could have been a conference championship game preview.
Next: at Arizona State, Thursday, Nov. 10.
- Western Michigan (9-0) beat Ball State 52-20, Tuesday.** Unbeaten Western Michigan at No. 23 was the highest ranked team from the Group of Five in the first College Football Playoff rankings, just ahead of Boise State at 24.
Next: vs. Buffalo, Saturday, Nov. 19.
- North Carolina (7-2) beat Georgia Tech 48-20.** At Chapel Hill, N.C., Elijah Hood ran for 168 yards and three touchdowns for North Carolina. The Tar Heels piled up 636 total yards. They had a season-high 283 on the ground and scored the game's final 21 points.
Next: at Duke, Thursday, Nov. 10.
- Florida State (6-3) beat NC State 24-20.** Deondre Francois threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Travis Rudolph with 3:09 left to help Florida State rally to beat at North Carolina State. Francois threw for 330 yards while Dalvin Cook ran for a touchdown on an otherwise quiet night for the Seminoles.
Next: vs. Boston College, Friday, Nov. 11.
- Penn State (7-2) beat Iowa 41-14.** At State College, Pa., Saquon Barkley accounted for 211 all-purpose yards, scored two TDs and Penn State won its fifth straight Big Ten game. Trace McSorley completed 11 of 18 passes for 240 yards and two TDs and added 40 rushing yards and another score.
Next: at Indiana, Saturday.
- Colorado (7-2) beat UCLA 20-10, Thursday.** Isaiah Oliver returned a punt 68 yards for a score with 5:27 remaining and the Buffaloes overcame eight personal-foul penalties to beat UCLA and remain atop the Pac-12 South.
Next: at Arizona, Saturday, Nov. 12.
- Oklahoma State (7-2) beat Kansas State 43-37.** At Manhattan, Kan., Mason Rudolph threw for 457 yards and five touchdowns. Chris Carson provided the go-head score and Oklahoma State picked off Jesse Ertz's pass to the end zone on the final play. The Cowboys kept their Big 12 title hopes alive thanks to a critical stop on third-and-inches early in the fourth quarter.
Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
- Virginia Tech (7-2) beat Duke 24-21.** At Durham, N.C., Adonis Alexander returned a blocked field goal 75 yards for a touchdown, and Virginia Tech held off Duke to remain in control of the ACC's Coastal Division race.
Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
- Boise State (8-1) beat San Jose State 45-31, Friday.** The Broncos had two players over 100 yards on the ground in one game for the first time since Nov. 8, 2014, against New Mexico.
Next: at Hawaii, Saturday.
- Washington State (7-2) beat Arizona 69-7.** Luke Falk threw for 311 yards and four touchdowns and host Washington State beat Arizona for its seventh consecutive victory. The Cougars had their highest points total since 1997 and the most ever against a Pac-12 opponent. Washington State hadn't won seven straight games since 2002.
Next: vs. California, Saturday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ugly: LSU unable to move ball

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The Crimson Tide (9-0, 6-0 Southeastern Conference, No. 1 CFP) won for the sixth straight time against LSU (5-3, 3-2, No. 13 CFP), and remained alone in first place in the SEC West — a game ahead of Auburn.

Hurts, a freshman who has exceeded expectations by establishing himself as one of the most dynamic, explosive players in



Hurts

college football, was the game's leading rusher with 114 yards on 20 carries. He also completed 10 of 19 passes for 107 yards.

"He has great poise. I don't think

the stage is too big for him at all," Saban said about Hurts. "He expects a lot of himself and we expect a lot of him because he's in a role that has tremendous responsibility."

LSU had its share of big plays — but all on defense, forcing Hurts into an early interception, stopping Hurts on a fourth-and-goal play and forcing him into a third-quarter fumble. But LSU's offense could not capitalize against menacing defensive end Jonathan Allen and Co.

"We played our butt off on defense but we lose as a team," LSU interim coach Ed Orgeron said. "We just couldn't get anything going on offense."

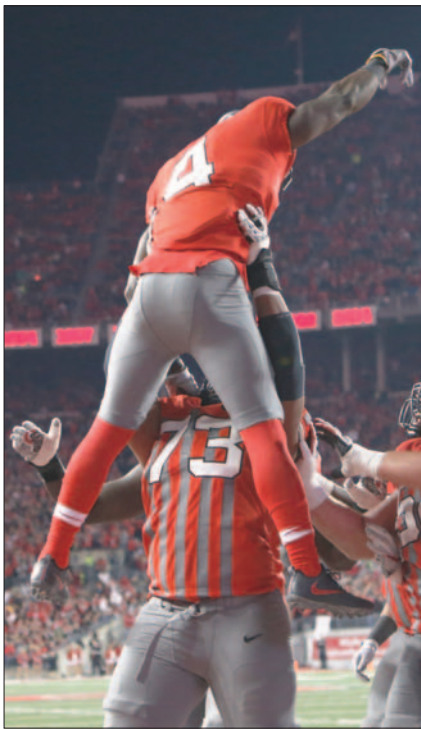
The Tigers finished with 125 total yards. Alabama had five sacks, one more than LSU's offense had allowed in any other game this season. Allen, linebackers Rashaan Evans and Ryan Anderson; and end Dalvin Tomlinson each sacked Etling, while Rueben Foster and Tim Williams combined on a sack.

"We're just dominating the line of scrimmage," Allen said.

Fournette, whose 2015 Heisman Trophy hopes faded when he was held to 31 yards on 19 carries in Tuscaloosa last year, had 35 yards on 17 carries. One game after touchdown runs of 78, 76 and 59 yards against Mississippi, Fournette's longest run against the Crimson Tide was 9 yards.

Saban explained his team's success against Fournette this way: "When you play a great player like that, everybody has to really focus on doing their job. Our guys did it last year. We played a lot of the same stuff that we played a year ago."

"We've got some pretty hateful guys that play defense around here that are pretty good competitors," Saban added. "When they get challenged a little bit, they usually respond and I think they responded really well tonight."



JAY LAPRETE/AP

Ohio State running back Curtis Samuel, top, celebrates his touchdown against Nebraska during the first half of Saturday's 62-3 win over the Cornhuskers in Columbus, Ohio.

Mississippi State stuns No. 7 Texas A&M

By DAVID BRANDT

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Mississippi State's Nick Fitzgerald was hit a few yards shy of the end zone as one, two and then three Texas A&M defenders tried to pull him to the ground.

But the 6-foot-5, 230-pounder kept straining, dragging the Aggies along with him as he finally stumbled forward into the end zone for a crucial touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

The sophomore quarterback — and these Bulldogs — weren't going to be denied in a 35-28 upset win over No. 7 Texas A&M on Saturday.

"After how hard my team worked for me all day," Fitzgerald said. "There was no way I wasn't going to score that for them."

Fitzgerald's bruising 4-yard touchdown run was one of the many highlights for Mississippi State's running game, which finished with a season-high 365 yards. Fitzgerald ran for 182 yards and two touchdowns while Aeris Williams ran for a career-high 140 yards and a touchdown.

It was a stunning win for Mississippi State (4-5, 2-3 Southeastern Conference), which was coming off an uninspiring 56-41 win over lower-level Samford. The Bulldogs had lost their previous three games against FBS competition.

It was an equally stunning loss for Texas A&M. The Aggies were ranked No. 4 in the first College Football Playoff rankings released on Tuesday, but will now almost cer-



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

Mississippi State quarterback Nick Fitzgerald bullies his way past Texas A&M linebacker Shaan Washington for a four-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter of the Bulldogs' 35-28 upset win over the Aggies in Starkville, Miss. on Saturday.

tainly tumble out of contention.

"We got whipped," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "We couldn't stop the run and we couldn't run it. They dictated play today."

The Bulldogs' biggest drive was a grueling 14-play 73-yard push in the fourth quarter that ended with Fitzgerald's aforementioned

4-yard touchdown for a 35-21 lead. Mississippi State ran 10 straight running plays at one point in the drive.

Poll implications: Texas A&M will likely be punished in all three major polls following a loss to one of the SEC's worst teams so far this season.

No. 6 Buckeyes crush Huskers

RB Samuel puts up 178 yards from scrimmage in dominating victory

By RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Curtis Samuel had 178 yards from scrimmage and two touchdowns, including a 75-yard touchdown reception on Ohio State's first play of the second half, and the sixth-ranked Buckeyes dominated No. 9 Nebraska 62-3 on Saturday night.

After three straight weeks of close games and inconsistent offense, the Buckeyes (8-1, 5-1 Big Ten) put forth their best performance of the season, led 31-3 at the half and handed the Cornhuskers (7-2, 4-2 Big Ten) their most lopsided loss since 2004.

"I didn't see this one coming," Ohio State coach Urban Meyer said.

Damon Webb got it started with a 36-yard interception return for a touchdown on Nebraska's first drive of the game. J.T. Barrett led three long touchdown drives, including a 15-play, 85-yarder that ended with a 1-yard jump TD pass to Samuel with 3 seconds left in the half.

"Everything was clicking. The run game. The pass game," Samuel said. "Everything was going great tonight."

The Cornhuskers were playing as a top-10 team in November

'That was real bad, and we're all responsible for it.'

Mike Riley
Nebraska coach

for the first time since 2010, but proved to still be a long way from the elites in the Big Ten.

"That was real bad, and we're all responsible for it," Nebraska coach Mike Riley said.

Nebraska lost quarterback Tommy Armstrong to a scary head injury in the second quarter, when the senior slammed the side of his helmet on the turf after being knocked out of bounds. Armstrong was taken from the stadium in an ambulance, but returned to the sideline in sweats in the third quarter.

Poll implications: Nebraska: The Huskers are likely to plummet when the new AP rankings come out Sunday and the playoff rankings are updated Tuesday.

Ohio State: The Buckeyes were impressive enough to at least consider having them jump ahead of undefeated Washington in both the AP and playoff rankings.

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King ascendent

James moves up career scoring list in win over 76ers » **Page 28**

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Winning ugly

No. 1 Alabama's suffocating defense shuts out No. 15 LSU

By BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

ABATON ROUGE, La. Alabama's suffocating defense bottled up Leonard Fournette and allowed freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts the luxury of a few scoreless quarters to get accustomed to operating in deafening Death Valley against a talented, stingy LSU defense.

Hurts finally broke loose for a 21-yard touchdown run to break a scoreless tie

early in the fourth quarter, and No. 1 Alabama remained unbeaten with a 10-0 shutout of the 15th-ranked Tigers on Saturday night.

"You can talk about winning ugly and maybe it wasn't always pretty, because we certainly didn't execute and do things the way we'd like, but you've got to give LSU a lot of credit," Alabama coach Nick Saban said. "It was a tough atmosphere for us out there. But our defense was outstanding."

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Alabama defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick breaks up a pass in front of LSU wide receiver Malachi Dupre during the Crimson Tide's 10-0 win in Baton Rouge, La., on Saturday.

GERALD HERBERT/AP

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